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8*th November* 1916.

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DIARY AND CONSULTATION BOOK

OF

1689.

[*From January* 1 *to December* 30, 1689.]

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY* $168\frac{8}{9}$——

The Diary and Consultations Book of the Hon^ble^ Elihu Yale Esq^r^ President Governour & Councill, their Proceedings & Transactions for the Affaires of the R^t^ Hon[ble] English East India Comp^a^ in the Presidency of the Coast of Chormandell an[d] the Bay of Bengall the ℔mo January 1688—89.

THURSDAY 3D.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^R^ NATH: HIGGINSON — S^R^ JOHN BIGGS
M^R^ JOHN LITTLETON — M^R^
M^R^ THOMAS WAVELL — M^R^ WILL^M^ FRASER
M^R^ WILLIAM CAWLEY — M^R^

The whole Councell being duly summon'd.

Here offering for sale from a private Person in Town a ℔cell of Redd Striped Neckcloths, which the Councill thought fitt to buy for the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ acc^t^ at Peic^s^ 45 ℔ Pag^o^ according to muster deliverd in, haveing a great stock of money by us, which we cannot possibly invest he[re] or to the southward, being surrounded with Warr troubles a[nd] Scarcity.

Ordered a Parcell of Red Stript Neckcloths to be bought at 45 Per Pago.

The Soldiers sent on the Pearl ffriggot on the Tanassaree expedition, being now return'd & demand[ing] their pay from the time of their entertainment upon [that] service, and no complaints being made against them, 'Tis orderd that they be paid their due by the Paymaster to encourage others, to goe upon any service they shall [be] Commanded.

Paymastr: orderd to pay off & soldrs sent to Tanassaree.

M^r^ Alford haveing [. . .] of his Contract of the Turmerick, laden on the Dragon for Persia, that 'twas but at 20 ℔ Cent freight, by which according to the acc^t^ appears to be due to him Pag^s^ 56 the w^ch^ is orderd to be paid him, but that he and all others first pay the freight of their returnes on said Ship from Persia.

Orderd that one Serjeant, one Corporall and 20 Sold^s^ be sent on the Dorothy ffriggot to the West Coast, where he is to leave them, if their occasions requires, and y^e^ same number on the Bencoolen Friggat.

Soldrs: be sent to ye West Coast.

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WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry^.

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Generall from Conimere dated the 5th Instant, adviseing that their Merchants had taken the Silver, Broad cloth, and Corrall, at the prices ours did here, and their buisiness in a good posture, their goods dayly comeing in, but the Porto Novo Investments are in great backwardness.

9. Letters from Nabob Ekron Cawn. Letters from Nabob Ekron Cawn at Cuttack and His Muttsuddie Mahomed Phazzer, accompanying the Nabob Jehan Bawder Cawnes letter from Bengall.

Lettr from ye Nabob of Decca. Letter from Cawn Jehan Bauder Nabob of Bengall to the Hon^ble President dated the first of September last complaining much of Agent Charnocks irregular proceedings there, and seems inclinable to an accomodation by their desireing some discreet Person may be sent to treat with him, promiseing all Just and Courteous usage therein.

Ship Trivlicane arrived. Ship Triblicane belonging to Mamudum Nina Inhabitant arrived from Atchein.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 7.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH : HIGGINSON — SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON — MR
MR THOMAS WAVELL — MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY — MR THOMAS GRAY.
The whole Councill being duly sumon'd
MR ROBERT FREEMAN *sick.*

The Presidents Cash read. Pollicys of Insurance alter'd & approved. The President read his acct of Cash for the month of December, which was past in Councill and the ball amounting to . . . Pags 738[...]8 : 09 : 2.

The buisiness of the Insurance office was discourst, and the Pollicyes approved with some alteration, an[d] to make them more authentique and satisfactory 'tis order'd that the Rt Hon^ble Comp^as Seale be affixt to each and signed by the Register.

whether Permissive goods is to pay Custo: if not landed here. Mr Fraser & Mr Gray orderd to peruse ye Rt Honble Compa Genll concerning it. A question was proposed whether goods upon Permission trade for England were by the Hon^ble Comp^as orders to pay Custome at this Port tho Shipt at [anchor] and not landed here, which for further satisfaction therein Mr William Fraser and Mr Thomas Gray are order'd to peruse the Hon^ble Comp^as orders about it & report them the next Consultation day.

Cotten to be laden aboad ye Dorothy. 50 ℔ Cent fret for Cotten. Noe freight yet offerring for the Dorothy friggot for Atchein from the troubles in the Countrey & Scarcity of goods, 'Tis therefore order'd that a quantity of cotten be laden on the Hon^ble Comp^as acct, and that the fret be 8 ℔ cent course and six ℔ cent Fine, and for gruff goods to be taken proportionably for its bulk and weight and Valluation here as accustomary, but that Cotten be at 50 ℔ cent freight.

Henry Wattson, &c., to be paid their wages. Henry Wattson Surgeon & severall other Soldiers and Seamen, being the Rt Hon^ble Comp^as Servants, some belonging to Sloop James, haveing been taken Prisoners at Syam, and others from Bengall belongs to Sloop Hopewell being forced to serve those Pyratts after being releas't were by Mr John Hill entertain'd at Mallacca, and brought hither upon the Pearle Friggot, haveing been great Sufferers by their detainment, yet 'tis not thought reasonable to allow the whole amount of their Wages from the time of their being taken, but agreed that they be paid from their entertainment, and service upon the Pearle friggot to this time, and that they be continued upon her.

Wm Hussey's accts to be examined. William Hussey Master of the priz'd Ship Loretta taken and sent up by Capt Wm Heath from Bengall bringing an acct of wages due to the lascars since her caption there, the Storekeeper is order'd to examine the acct and give in his

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report the next Consultation but that nothing be paid them till the seizure be tryed by the Coart of Admiralty.

'Tis agreed that the freight on the Williamson to Persia be 10 ℔ Cent Fine goods and 12 ℔ Cent [course] Iron and Steale 14 ℔ Cent China Ware 3 Pag^{s} ℔ Chest [...] 1½ Pag^{o} ℔ Tubb Sugars 18 ℔ Cent China root 25 ℔ Cent Allome 18 ℔ Cent Gallingall 20 ℔ Cent Turmerick 30 ℔ Cent and all other goods in proportion thereto. fret to Persia wthin mentiond.

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9.

Pass given to Sloop Salamatrou belonging to Cojee Gregorie, Inhabitant. Pass to sloop Salamatro.

Ship Rebecca arrived from Moccaw in China haveing buried her Commander, Cap^{t} Thomas Batten in her Voyage thither, and by her we rec^{d} Letters from M^{r} William Hodges at Syam relateing his misfortunes and sad usages he meet with there. ship Rebecca arrived from Maccaw.

Ship Bencolen return'd from Sadraspatam, Letter from the President to the Director Mons^{r} Martin at Pollicherry. Bencolen returned from Sadras.

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M^{R} WILLIAM CAWLEY — M^{R} THOMAS GRAY.

THURSDAY 10.

The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.
M^{R} ROBERT FREEMAN *Sick.*

Haveing thus long deferr'd and excused the paying the Town rent money, and all other charges to y^{e} many unreasonable demanders in this new Government, urgeing, we could not safely pay it to any without the Kings or his Viceroy's speciall order as obliged by our Phyrmaund from the King of Golcandah, but they now growing importunate, and abusive, threatning to obstruct our trade and seize our Merchants goods and stopp Provisions from comeing to town, Tis therefore orderd y^{t} a letter be wrott to Basherad Cawn the king's Duan, newly come from Coast to Inspect and settle the countreys and our Egibb Cojee Abnuce adviseing of the Kings great esteem for him, and he was capable to do us either great kindness or Injury, therefore advis'd us to oblige him by a Present, but tis thought Fitt to prepare him by a letter of the originall and state of our troubles, and thereby to learn his scence of them and inclinations to us. Letter to be wrote to ye Kgs Duan Basherad Cawn.

M^{r} Robert ffreeman haveing layn long sick, and still continueing so without signs of amendment, and being formerly chosen one of the Judges assistants in the Court of Admiralty, but now unable to officiate in that place, and there being a necessity of two assistants in conformity to his Majesties Royall charter, and the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Commission and order for di[rect]ing that Coart of Judicature, Twas taken into consideration, and debate, who of the Councill to appoint in his room for that Imployment, and the Commission to S^{r} John Biggs being ℔used, wee find the whole councell then, were nominated to elect Assistants from them, from whence we conclude that all of Councill hereafter are capable of being chosen for Mr. Tho Gray to officiate in Mr Freemans stead, as Justice of peace he being Sick.

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that Imployment, and all the rest now of councill haveing imployment sufficient for their time, Tis thought fitt and ordered that Mr Thomas Gray be Justice Assistant in the Coart of Admiralty in the place of Mr Robert Freeman, and to prevent future disputes about Tryalls and Sentences in that Coart, 'tis order'd that all Judgements be sign'd in the Register by at least one of the Judges Assistants according to the Tenure of the charter & Commission.

Neckcloths to be returnd.

The Neckcloths, agreed upon the last Consultation day, not proveing according to muster being very thin and course, Tis order'd they be rejected and returned to the Merchant.

Ship Rochester re-entertain'd.

Shipp Rochester haveing been surveygh'd and found well fitted for her Voyage to England, Tis orderd that she be from this day re-entertained into the Compas service, and that the Warehousekeeper doe lade the Honble Compas goods upon her.

Merchs prest to hasten in their contract.

The Honble Compas Merchants haveing been often Prest to hasten their contract for the early dispatching ys Ship who as often promised their best endeavours therein which we beleive they have used, but comeing this day before the Councill, they declare they mett with so many disappointments, and losses by the Warr & troubles in the Countrey, that they doubted they were not able to conclude the Investment they undertook by ye limitted time, but engage their utmost endeavours therein.

To supply ye Marketts wth rice.

Mr John Littleton Warehouskeepr is order'd to supply the Merketts with Rice that came from ye Bay it being old and damaged, and unfitt for Stores.

Agreed upon Cotten at 18½ Pa. ℔ Ca. Pa. 400 to be advanced.

Haveing treated with Aipa Chettee &ca cotten Merchts about the Provision of cotten for the Dorothy, Wee agreed with them for 25 Candys of cotten at 18½ Pags ℔ Candy to be brought in within Ten dayes, or what more they could procure by that time, and that 400 Pags be advanced to them thereon.

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Nat: Higginson.	Will: Fraser.
J. Biggs.	Wm: Cawley.
John Littleton.	Tho: Gray.

William Proby Secry.

14. Monday 14.

Generall to Conimere approved and sign'd.

Att a Consultation

Present

Elihu Yale Esqr President & Governour
Mr Nath: Higginson Sr
Mr Mr
Mr Thomas Wavell Mr William Fraser
Mr William Cawley Mr Thomas Gray.

The whole Councill being duely Summd.

Letter to Benj: Bloom. Instruction & dispatch to Capt. Thwaites.

Generall letter to Mr Benjamin Bloom &ca and Capt James Thwaites, Instructions and dispatch for his Voyage to Atchein and Sumatra read and approved.

Present to be sent to ye Queen of Atchein.

Agreed and order'd that a Present of half of a peice of Scarlet cloth, one peice of serge, and one chest of Rose water, be sent to the queen of Atchein, with the Presidts letter to her to accomodate differences.

Ten Piggs of led to be laden aboard ye Bencolen

The Warehousekeepr is orderd to lade Ten Piggs of Lead aboard the Bencolen ffriggot, they desireing it for their occasions at Bencolen.

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Ship Francis Mr Masfen Commander arrived from Bengall and Vizagapatam and brought a Generll dated the d Instant with their Consultations, Stewds Account and Acct Cash, adviseing that the Seer lascar obliges the Rt Honble Compas affaires as much as can be expected and promises no affronts shall be given ym provided their Vessells with graine that saile to and again this Coast may meet with the like favour from us. 15. ship Francis from Bengall.

Generall from Conimere dated the 13th Instant, advising that the Cheif was Just arrived from Porto Novo where he had bin to settle the Honble Compas Affaires which found to be in a distracted Condition, by the backwardness of their Investment, and the turbelancy of the Duans people in stopping their Merchants trade from comeing and goeing out of the Towne, all which was removed by paying them what due on acct of Custe and advanceing 100 Pags theron. 16. Genll from Conimere.

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MR WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.

THURSDAY 17.

The Councill being duely Summon'd.

Orderd that the goods on the Dorothy Friggott goe Consigned to Capt James Thwaites, many of the Company's Servants being unwilling to goe upon her by reason she proceeds from Atchein to the West coast, and twill be a greater charge for Provisions &ca necessaryes for the Voyage to send any of the Honble Compas Servants on her, the Cargoe being small, then to allow ye Capt 2 ℔ Cent Commission for the dispose of their goods, and receiving the freight, Capt Thwaites also being well acquainted with the place and trade, Tis agreed to give him the care thereof, and 2 ℔ Cent for his trouble therein. goods on ye Dorothy frigt to goe consignedto the Capt.

Mr Thomas Wavell's his book of Accompts for the month of December was read and past in Councill Vizt. Mr Wavells acct read & past.

Order'd that the Pearl ffriggotts Commission, charges and Transactions in her late Voyage be examined and determined in the Coart of Admiralty it more properly belonging to that Coart being a maritime affair. Pearl friggott's Comiss charges ea be examined.

Order'd that Pags 500 more be paid Mr William Fraser storekeeper to defray the charges of the Rt Honble Company's Shipping and buying Stores. Pa 500 be Pd Mr Fraser.

There being severall Parcells of Permissive goods laden on the shipp Williamson in Bengall for England, they beleiving her to be designed directly thither, but wee haveing Judged it more requisite for the Right Honble Companyes Interest, to send the Shipp Rochester first for England for severall reasons in our former Consultations, and theirein order'd all goods the Williamson brought intended for England to be traverst aboard Her, which occasion'd Question in Councill, whether such Permissive goods ought or should pay any duty or custome, which being thoroughly debated was carryed in the Negative for many reasons besides the Right Honble Company's express orders that only such goods as should be landed was to Pay 5 ℔ Cent Customes, and also that the Permissive Shipp James had liberty given to land their goods and shipp off what was unsold Custome free. Quere. Whether ye ℔missive goods not landed should pay ye duty of 5 ℔ Ct.

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Our Gov^{r} having a great quantity of Bay Goods on y^{e} W^{m} Son, by long argueing got this construction put. } W^{M} CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

17. Pass to Parra, Meramdat. Letter to Vizagapatam.

Passes given to Parra Meramadat & Sidda allee Peermadet Hussen Neena & Mera Tandells.

Letters to Vizagapatam and Conimered approved and sent.

20. letter to Bencolen.

Letters to Bencolen and Puddicherry of this date approved and signed.

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MUNDAY 21.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^{R} NATH: HIGGINSON S^{R} JOHN BIGGS
M^{R} JOHN LITTLETON M^{R}
M^{R} THOMAS WAVELL M^{R} W^{M}: FRASER
M^{R} WILLIAM CAWLEY M^{R} THOMAS GRAY.

Ingott, Silver being not currant at ye West Coast.

Order'd yt 24000 ₱s be r bought to send thither.

The whole Councill being duly Summon'd.

The R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} haveing only Ingott Silver in their goedownes and noe other but Mexico & Sivill Dollers being Currant at the West Coast, they haveing returned us Pilier and barr Silver, so least they should want Dollers for the carrying on their buisiness and provideing of Pepper for our Shipping, 'Tis therefor [e] order'd that six chests or 24000 Peices of $\frac{8}{9}$ be bought at 17$\frac{1}{4}$ ₱ Pag 10: that being the price Currant, four whereof to be sent on the Dorothy Friggot and the other two chests each 4000 Peices be sent on the Bencolen Friggot.

Mr Cawlys acots read.

M^{r} William Cawley Land Custom^{r} his book of Acc^{ts} for the month of December was read & past in Councill Viz^{t}.

Land Customer	Pag^{s}	14 : 23 : 75
Weighers duty	„	00 : 10 : 40
Rubie Broakers	„	02 : 09 : 00
Cloth Broakers	„	02 : 01 : 25
Chowltry Customes	„	55 : 29 : 56
Measurers duty	„	8 : 15 : 42
Banksoll Toll	„	—: —: 75
	Pa	103 : 18 : 13
Charges deducted		04 : 25 : 62
	Pag^{s}	98 : 28 : —

Mr Freemans Accts read.

M^{r} Robert Freeman Paymaster his acct^{s} for the month of December was read and past in Councill.

Charges garrison	Pag^{s}	1016 : 10 . 00
Charges generall	„	412 : 05 : 00
Charges Dyett	„	287 : 05 : $\frac{3}{4}$
Charges Cattle	„	15 : 00 : $\frac{15}{16}$
Charges Merchandize	„	121 : 08 : $\frac{1}{16}$
Fortification Repaires &c^{a}	„	444 : 11 . $\frac{1}{2}$
Bengall Expedition	„	76 : 06 : $\frac{1}{2}$
West coast Expedition...	„	05 : 20 : $\frac{5}{16}$
Ta assaree Expedition	„	485 : 34 : 00
Tonqueen Voyage	„	10 : 00 : 00
	Pag^{s}	2873 : 30 : $\frac{1}{16}$

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Order'd that Pag^{s} 2000 be paid M^{r} Rob^{t} ffreeman Paymaster to defray charges garrison. P 2000 be pd Mr fre[e]man.

Order'd that two chests q^{t} 8000 Piller Dollers be sold to Ranga Chettee at 17$\frac{1}{4}$ ₱ 10 Pag^{s} being the same price we bought at for the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a}. Orderd 8000 pill̃ dollers be sold

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M^{R} WILLIAM CAWLEY M^{R} THO^{S} GRAY.
M^{R} ROBERT FREEMAN *sick.*

THURSDAY 24.

Wee haveing noe Shipp of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} here fitting to send down to Conimere for the goods in readiness there and it growing late for the Shipp Rochesters dispatch for England, 'Tis therefore order'd that a Countrey Vessell be hyred for that purpose & that the Pearle ffriggot doe bring the Porto Novo goods, and what more they shall send from Conimere. A country Vessell be hyred to fetch ye Conimere gds.

Order'd that Pag^{s} 200 be sent to Metchlepatam and Madapollam Factorys, to defray servants wages and repaires of those Factories. Pa 200 be sent to Metchl̃e & Madapoll̃ factorys.

Also order'd that Pag^{s} 500 be paid M^{r} William Fraser Storekeeper, for the fitting out the Bencolen Friggat &c^{a} occasions. Pa 500 be pd Mr Fraser.

Patriack Stanley formerly belonging to shipp Rochester, and since entertained by the Agent in the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Service in the Bay on ship Loretta M^{r} Fraser Storekeep^{r} is order'd to discharge him the said service paying his wages and return him to ship Rochester againe.

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28. Ship Moldsford Cap^{t} Henry Burton Commander arrived from Amoy in China, wth M^{r} Francis Wilcox and the returnes of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} adventure. Ship Mold[s]ford arrived from Amoy.

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M^{R} ROBERT FREEMAN *Sick.*

The Rt Hon Compa adventr from China being examd reported to be well pack't. lettr from Amoy perus'd.

The Moldsford being arrived from Amoy in China bringing the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} returnes in Silks Tea &c^{a} M^{r} Willcox being sent for, and examined about the packing of them, declare'd them to be substantiall and much better pack't then formerly, or those carry'd by Cap^{t} Harding upon the Loyall Captain for England however the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company haveing order'd the repacking all sorts of China goods, both raw and wrought Silks, that shall be sent them home.

The letters from the Cheif &c^{a} Councill at Amoy was ℔used as also the letter from the Champeen to the President, the contents whereof being something strange and unusall tis left to consideration.

Mr Littleton's Accts read.

M^{r} John Littleton Warehousekeep^{r} his book of Accompts for the month of December was read and past.

Mr Higginson orderd to coyne ye remaines of gold.

M^{r} Thomas Wavell former Mintmaster haveing some remaines of Gold being 12 Copangs by him uncoyn'd, and M^{r} Higginson haveing now y^{e} charge thereof, he is orderd to coyn them.

Irregularitys in ye Collection of ye quitt rents. Mr Fraser & Mr Gray orderd to examine ye same.

There being some complaints made to the Councill of severall Irregularityes and severityes in the collecting of the quitt rents, M^{r} Fraser and M^{r} Gray is order'd to examine the severall complaints and give in their report to the Councill.

P 8000 be sent to Conimere to clear their Investments.

Orderd that Pag^{s} 8000 be sent to Conimere on ship Francis for the encouraging and clearing their Investment.

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28. Genll from Conimere.

Generall from Conimere dated the 25th Instant adviseing the receipt of our Packett ℔ the Pearle ffriggot whom they intend to send down to Porto Novo for repair and bring up the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} goods thence.

29. Genll to Conimere.

Generall to Conimere dated this Instant, adviseing that for the great^{r} Expedition and security have hired the ship Francis to bring away their goods at half of a Pag^{o} ℔ Bale, for the early dispatching the ship Rochester for England, and for their encouragement and clearing their Investment have sent 8000 Pag^{s} which they were order'd to hasten what possibly.

deliverd Cap^{t} Thwaite's dispatch for Atchein &a.

Deliver'd Cap^{t} James Thwaites his dispatch, for Atchein and the West coast, as also his orders and Instructions for the dispose of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} concerns sent by him for Atchein, allowing 2 ℔ cent commission for the dispose thereof.

Ship Francis, M^{r} Masfen Mast^{r} Sail'd for Conimere.

30. FEBRUARY ℔MO.

Commission and Instructions to Cap^{t} William Rider Commander of the Bencolen Friggot for his Voyage to Bencolen on the West Coast of Sumatra.

Ship Bencoolen Friggats dispatch and Instructions approved signed and deliver'd, as also the Bencolen packett.

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Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR — FRYDAY ℔ Mo
MR NATH: HIGGINSON SR
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLM FRASER
MR WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY
MR ROBERT FREEMAN *Sick.*

The President receiveing letters from the french General Monsr Defargy, arrived at Pollicherry from Syam wth four Shipps and five hundred Soldiers, adviseing that he had discharged and sent the English men brought from Syam, demanding the three french Soldiers that had obsconded aboard the Williamson, engageing to pardon their faults upon their Returne, whereupon the Commander was order'd to make strickt enquiry after them, and deliver them up, in consideration that Capt Heath had obliged himself under his hand for it, as also in Justice of their civillity in returning ours. — The french Genl requests for ye delivery of his men abd ye Williamson. The Command was orderd to do it.

Mr Nathaniel Higginson read and deliverd in his accounts of the mintage duties, upon Particular Persons Gold coyned in the Mint, in the foll Months Vizt. — Mr Higginson's Accts read.

Coynd in August. Pags 266: 18: at ½ ℔ Ct	... ...	P. 01: 12: 00
September Nil.		
October. Pags. 1545: at ½ ℔ Ct	... ...	P. 07: 26: 00
Novemb Nil.		
December Nil.		
January. Pags 3450: 18: at ½ ℔ Ct	... ...	P 17: 09: 00
	Pags.	26: 11: 00

There appearing some errors in the late Stewards Accts, he haveing not his due Credit according to the Particulars of his expences, which upon Examination cant but appear to us to be rightly stated, the Second is therefore orderd to give his acct Credit for the same provided he makes oath to the truth thereof, The difference amounting to Pags: [*lacuna in the original.*] — The Accomptant ordr'd to rectifye ye Stewards Accts.

The priz'd shipp Loretta brought from Bengall being in a leaky condition, Mr William Fraser is therefore order'd to advance fourty Pagodas towards the repaireing of her &ca and that it be accounted for after she is adjudged in the Coart of Admiralty wm she belongs to. — Mr Fraser orderd to advance 40 P. towards ye repair of ship Loretta.

The severall merchants and Inhabitants of this Citty being much dissatisfied, and complaining that the freight on shipp Williamson for Persia were too high, in so much it has discouraged their Intentios of Ladeing upon her in consideration, whereof, as is hop'et for, that we may not loose so good a freight and oppertunity, of employing the Compas shipp, Tis therefore thought necessary that the freight of the following goods be for Persia at viz Sugars Allome China Ware at 16 ℔ Cent, and Tutenague 10 ℔ Cent. — Freight to Persia being too high. Order'd yt it be lessned as with in mention'd.

Order'd that Pags 200 be paid Narso &ca Washers on acct: washing and cureing the Rt Honble Compas Cloth. — P. 200 pd Narsoe Washr.

ELIHU YALE.	THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.	WILL: FRASER.
J. BIGGS.	WM: CAWLEY.
JOHN LITTLETON.	THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

1. Mr John Littleton Warehousekeepr paid in Pags 360 in part of goods sold by Him.

Sevl. sums pd in.

Mr Nathañ: Higginson Mintmastr paid in Pags 3555 on acct Gold coyn'd in ye mint & mintage duties.

2. Bencolen Friggot Capt Willm Rider Commandr set saile this Evening for Bencoolen.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 4.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^{R} NATH: HIGGINSON S^{R}
M^{R} JOHN LITTLETON M^{R}
M^{R} THOMAS WAVELL M^{R} WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R} WILLIAM CAWLEY M^{R} THOMAS GRAY.

The whole Councill being duely summon'd.

Brokers neglects & Impositions.

There being many complaints made by the Merchants and Inhabitants of the exactions and neglects of the brokers lately appointed thereto, for the better carrying on and mannagement of trade and encouragement of strang^{rs} but proveing unserviceable therein and their brokeridg[e] lookt upon as a new imposition to the dissatisfaction of the people and discouragement of Traffique, Tis order'd that the brokers be discharged by Proclamation from that Imploy, and the care of that Affair be Recommended to the Mayor &c^{a} of the Corporation and that they choose two able and trusty men, that may be serviceable therein, allowing them a sufficient yearly sallary, and that only $\frac{1}{2}$ ℔ Cent brokeridge be taken for the Corporation upon all goods that the brokers shall be required to negotiate.

Orderd they be discharged from ye Imploy. ye affair recommended to ye Mayor &ca.

New form of a Pollicy of Insurance approved.

M^{r} Thomas Gray Register of the Insurance Office presented a Pollicy of Insurance with some alteration from the forme of the printed ones, which being found more agreable for the R^{t} Hon^{b}^{e} Comp^{as} Insurance, twas approved and orderd to be given to those that desired them upon the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} tearmes, and for an example, The President desires to be insured to the am^{t} of Pag^{s} 5000 upon ship Rochester for England at 5 ℔ Cent which the Councill agreed to and M^{r} Tho: Gray Regist^{r} of the Insurance Office orderd to draw up Pollicyes Accordingly, and the Governour to pay the said premio into their Hon^{rs} Cash.

Mr Gray orderd to insure 5000 Pa of the Presidents on ye Honble Compas acct at 5 ℔ Ct.

Mr Littleton orderd to traverse ye redd wood abd ye Rochester.

There being two more boat^{s} come from the N^{o} W^{d} laden with redd wood for the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a}: M^{r} Littleton is orderd to travers them aboard ship Rocheste[r] and to send some Person aboard to weigh them off since twill cost much more time to doe it ashoare.

Complaints about ye collection of ye quitt rents.

The miserable bad times and trade occasions great complaints about the collecting and paying the ground Quitt rents, and M^{r} Thomas Wavell the appointed Collector and Assistants, haveing been stricter and larger, therein, then was required by the Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} or us, he is therefore order'd, to keep to those Rules and to receive noe more then 9: fanams for a great house fa: 6: and 3: for small houses in the Gentue town except such as belong to the Cristians, which is according to the Comp^{a} express orders.

Mr Wavell orderd to keep to ye Compas rules concerning it.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

There was never any rate or rule given me to Collect y^{e} quitt rents by y^{e} Governo^{r} & Counsill, till y^{e} makeing this Consultacon. } THO: WAVELL.

As to my Strickt Collection of y^{e} aforesaid Quitt rents I am sure if guilty of any thing twas of too much Lenity to y^{e} Inhabitants. } WILL: FRASER. W^{M}: CAWLEY.

T. W. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

Congratulatory letter to ye french Generall.

Letter to the French Generall at Pollicherry, congratulateing his safe arrivall to these parts, as also about the french men here and the priz'd Shipp Loretta.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR — TUESDAY 5.
M^{R} NATH: HIGGINSON S^{R}
M^{R} M^{R}
M^{R} THOMAS WAVELL M^{R} WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R} WILLIAM CAWLEY M^{R} THOMAS GRAY.

The Councill being duely Summond.

The season growing late for Persia and Shipp James Loyall Captain, and Curtana, not yet arriveing from China, has disappointed our expectation & Intention of sending the Williamson to Persia, all the goods proper for those parts now in town not being sufficient for her Ladeing, or will near bear the great charge of her demorage, It is therefore agreed and orderd that if a sufficient Cargo do not arrive by the 10th Instant for Persia, then to dispatch her for the west Coast. — being disappointed of a freight for ye Wmson for Persia, she be dispatched for ye West Coast.

Resolveing from the Charecter of her surveigh to dispatch the shipp Rochester for England by the 15th Instant, the Captain was sent for and acquainted therewith, and order'd to gett his shipp in readiness by that time, and the Warehousekeep^{r} to make all possible speed in the Ladeing of her, also a note to be putt up to give notice to all Persons, that were disposed to lade any Permissive goods upon shipp Rochester for England. that they doe by the 10th Inst^{t} giveing in their Invoices thereof to the Accomptant to be sent home to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company upon their Permissive tearmes. — Rochester surveyd. The Capt orderd to gett his in readiness. Warehousekeepr order'd to hasten her ladeing for England.

The President delivered in an Invoice of Permissive goods, traverst from the Williamson to ship Rochester for England which is order'd to be sent home.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
WILL: FRASER.
W^{M}: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

Passes given to Ship Resistance and Sloop Dolphin M^{r} Jn^{o} Coventry and Johannes Baker, masters & Owners. 7.

M^{r} Robert Freeman, fifth of Councill and Cap^{t} of the Citty Train bands dyed this morning of a dropsy after a long and painfull sickness, By Will leaveing hi[s] Eldest Brother M^{r} Jn^{o} Freeman of Smirna his Execu[tor] and M^{r} John Littleton & M^{r} Rich^{d} Elliot Minister his Overseers. — Mr Robt freeman deceased.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR — THURSDAY 7.
M^{R} NATH: HIGGINSON S^{R} JOHN BIGGS
M^{R} M^{R} THOMAS WAVELL
M^{R} WILLIAM FRASER M^{R} WILLIAM CAWLEY
M^{R} THOMAS GRAY.

The whole Councill being duly Summon'd.

The Presidents Acc^{t} Cash was read in Councill & the ballance examined am^{t} Pag^{s} 61406: 18:— — The Presidents Acct Cash read.

M^{r} Freeman late Paymast^{r} Gen^{ll} deceasing y^{s} day, whereby that Imploy is Vacant, & M^{r} Tho: Gray haveing little other buisiness upon him, & being very capable thereof, Tis agreed & order'd y^{t} he be appointed to that charge, but — Mr Tho Gray ordered Paymaster.

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makeing it his request to the Councill y^t he may be discharged thereof upon y^e arrivall of M^r Ju^o Cheney w^{ch} was accordingly agreed to.

Lettr from Mr Hodges at Syam.

Receiving letters this day from M^r W^m Hodges at Syam, dated in Augst 27th & 11th Octob^r wherein he recount[s] y^e sad condition & great want of money w^{ch} occasion'd their drawing upon us, two bills of Exc^a for the support of their lives and charge, Viz^t: one payable to Cap^t Ant^o Williams for 200 Doll^s for 6 cattee rec^d of him in Syam and the other payable to Cap^t Caleb Tracy for 200 $ for 4 Cattee, which the Accomptant is order'd to calculate to the price currant of Dollers, and to give them bills upon the President for Payment thereof after the said Persons have proved their due obedience to His Majesties Proclamation and the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} orders sent to Syam, and that they are discharg'd by the Coart of Admiralty.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
WILL: FRASER.
W^M: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

Lettr from Duan Basherad Cawn. demanding ye rent of ye town.

Letter from the Duan Basherad Cawn Vizadore of the Golcandah Countrey to the President, giveing great assurances of his freindship and kind assistance on all occasions, also his approbation of our not Paying the Towns rent money, to Mahomed Sadeck &c^{as} importunate demands. ordering the Payment thereof to Him, he being receiver Generall, and the Mogulls Duan, and that he would indemnifie us from all future Demands.

9. Lettr from Conimere.

Generall from Conimere dated the 6th Instant wth Invoice and bill ladeing of Ship Francis, on w^m they have laden the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^s Bales, and y^e rest to send by the Pearle ffriggot.

M^r John Littleton paid in Pag^s 4611 : 28 : 4: on Acc^t of Dollars sold by him at 17$\frac{1}{4}$ $ ℔ 10 Pag^s.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^R NATH: HIGGINSON S^R JOHN BIGGS
M^R JOHN LITTLETON M^R THOMAS WAVELL
M^R WILLIAM FRASER M^R WILLIAM CAWLEY
M^R THOMAS GRAY.

SATURDAY 9.

Kind lett: from Duan Basherad Cawn.

Haveing rec^d a very kind and favourable Letter from the Duan Basherad Cawn at the Camp, wherein assures us of his Freindship, and kind assistance upon all occasions, and not only approves but commends our not Paying the rent money to Mahomed Sadeek &c^a desireing that it be forthwith paid to him or his order, and that for the future, we must pay it to none but the Kings Duan as accustomary in the Mogulls Government, upon due Consideration whereof, [a]nd to prevent future disputes and troubles, Tis agreed that it be paid accordingly to the Duan but that wee waite Tenn dayes, longer for Allebeagues answer concerning it.

Genll to ye Rt Honble Compa.

A Generall Letter to the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a was read and Approv'd.

Pa 1000 be pd Mr Gray.

Orderd that Pag^s 1000 be paid M^r Thomas Gray Paymast^r to defray the Garrison charges.

ELIHU YALE. THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON. WILL: FRASER.
J. BIGGS. WM: CAWLEY.
JOHN LITTLETON. THO: GRAY.

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WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

9.

A French ship arrived this day and brought the news of the Bengall fleets arrivall at Negrais, and two Vessell[s] the Recovery and sloop (*lacuna in original*) gone to Arrackan wth Cap^{t} Heaths letter to the King.

News of ye Bengll fleets arrivall at Negrais.

10.

Ship Francis arriv'd from Conimere with 188 of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Companyes Bales.

Francis from Conimr.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^{R} NATH HIGGINSON S^{R}
M^{R} M^{R} THOMAS WAVELL.
M^{R} WILLIAM FRASER M^{R} WILLIAM CAWLEY
M^{R} THOMAS GRAY.

MUNDAY 11.

The whole Councill being duely summon'd.

M^{r} William Fraser Storekeep^{r} his book of Accounts for the month of September and October was read and p^{r}ast.

M^{r} Frasers Accts read.

Orderd that Pag^{s} 100: be paid the Gunpowder maker for provision of Powder.

P 100 be paid ye Gunpow^{d}.

M^{r} Joseph Safford makeing it his request to returne home for England, twas granted him, he haveing served out his covenanted time with the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} so goes by the Rochester paying Pag^{s} 26 Permission money.

M^{r} Saffords request to goe for Engld. granted.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
WILL: FRASER.
W^{M} CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

Letter from Nabob Allee Asher cawn to the President wherein he assures him of his freindship, and kind assistance on all occasions & kindly resenting the Presidents letter and congratulations & approveing our paying the Rent money to the Duan, and desires y^{t} M^{r} Freema[n] his worthy old freind be sent to him or some other suitable Person to discourse some weighty Affaires he had to communicate to.

Lettr from Nabob Allebeague.

Generall to Conimere of this date approv'd & signed ordering the ladeing the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Bale goods on the Rebecca, also the hastning the Porto Novo goods by boats if in case the Pearl Friggot should not be in a readiness to bring them away for the early dispatch of Ship Rochester for England.

Genll to Conimere. The Compa ba^{e} to be laden abd ye Rebecca.

Ship Rebecca sailed this afternoon for Conimere to bring the rest of their goods hither.

Rebecca for Atchein.

13.

Ship Resistance M^{r} John Coventry Master sail'd this evening for Porto Novo and Atchein.

Resistance for P No:

A french sloop arrived this day from Pollicherry and brought a ꝑcell of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} wood.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^{R} NATH: HIGGINSON S^{R} JOHN BIGGS
M^{R} JOHN LITTLETON M^{R}
M^{R} WILL^{M} FRASER M^{R} WILL^{M} CAWLEY
M^{R} THOMAS GRAY.

THURSDAY 14.

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Mr Cawleys Accts read.

Mr William Cawley Land customer his book of Accts for the month of January was read and past in Councill the ℔ticulars as followes.

Land Customes	Pags	46 : 08 : 95
Weighers duty	„	00 : 06 : 58
Chowltry Customes...	„	81 : 00 : 61
Measurers duty	„	46 : 29 : 29
Banksoll Toll	„	1 : 35 : 75
Butteek rent	„	-: 28 : 00
Shroffs	„	- : 28 : 00
Cloth Broakers	„	2 : 01 : 21
Fines	„	10 : 00 : 00
		183 : 30 : 40
Charges Deducted		4 : 10 : 00
Pags.		179 : 20 : 40

Mr Willcox Accts examin'd.

Mr Francis Willcox's charges Merchandize that were scrupled at China by Mr Salway, but by examination were found that the real amount thereof to be Ta 417 : 4 : 8 : and that there is due to him on that acct Ta 100 : 6 : 3 : wch he was force't to borrow there at *lacuna in original* ℔Cent advance to be paid here to clear his Accts Mr Salway Supra cargoe of the Caesar from Surrat, by what authority we know not, have taken out of the Rt Honble Compa Cash Ta 373 : to satisfie a chineeses unreasonable demands as ℔ acct thereof, which we shall write to Surrat about to know ye reasons of such irregular Proceedings, as also that Capt Henry Burton be called to Acct for it but in the mean time that the due ballance be paid Mr Willcox, according to Acct and agreement.

ye ball: to be paid him. Mr Hodges bill upon ye Rt Honble Compa be discharged.

Capt Williams being discharg'd in the Coart of Admiralty, It is order'd that Mr William Hodge's bill amounting to Dollers 300 be paid him pro rato.

Being late for Persia: Williamson orderd for the West Coast.

The China Shipps not being yet arrived, and therefore not a sufficient freight for the Williamson, to answer her Demorage, and it being also now so very late for that Voyage, that 'twill endanger her Wintering, Tis orderd that she be dispatch't to ye West Coast and to send what men, Cattle stores and necessaryes thither as can be gott in readiness & that ye Warehousekeepr doe buy four chests of Sivill Dollers to send by her.

Mr Fraser to examine ye Rochestrs stowage.

Order'd Mr William Fraser Storekeepr do goe aboard ship Rochester & examine her ladeing & stowage, takeing along with him some of the shipps Commandrs for that purpose.

Mr Fra: Willcox commend factor.

Mr Fra: Willcox produceing his Indenture we find that he has served out his covenanted time of seven years as writer and comments factor the 2d July last, which station and Sallary is accordingly order'd him.

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THO: WAVELL.
WILL: FRASER.
WM: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

14. Pass to ship Salamatro

Pass given to Ship Salamatrou belonging to Cojee Gregorio whereof Abdul cawder is Pylott.

Pearl frigot arrived.

Pearle Friggot arrived wth 213 of the Rt Honble Compas bales from Porto Novo and Conimere.

16. lettr to ye Gor. of Pollict.

Letter from the Honble Laurence Pitt Govern of Pollicat adviseing that the 9 English men were arrived there from Zeilon, desireing some ℔sons may be sent to Examine and receive them.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR — SATURDAY. 16.
MR NATH: HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR WILLIAM FRASER MR WILLIAM CAWLEY
MR

The whole Councill being duely Summond.

Genl to ye Rt Honble Compa p ye Rochestr concluded.

The Generall to the Rt Honble Compa concluded & signed and also Capt John Bromwells dispatch.

Bales abd ye Pearl orderd to be traverst abd ye Rochestr.

The Pearle Friggot being arrived from Conimere & Porto Novo, with 213: Bales which is all they had in readiness, and the season growing too late to waite for more, whereby twill hazzard the makeing a winter Voyage, the Warehouse-keepr is Order'd to traverse those Bales aboard the Rochester, and to hasten the sortment, of what goods the Merchants have in readiness, and give in a list thereof, to the Accomptant for the drawing up the Invoice on Munday next being the 18: Instant, that the ship may be dispatch'd on Tuesday at furthest.

Chinam being scarce. orderd yt 20 Tonns Chauk be sent to ye Wt. Coast.

Chinam or Lime being so very scarce that we cannot procure sufficient for the reparation of the Garrison & being also very necessary to send some to the West Coast to carry on their building there, It is orderd that 20 Tonns of chaulk and a plasterer by trade be sent aboard the Williamson, who understands ye makeing lime, there being plenty of wood at Bencolen.

lettr from Pollicatt Governour.

The President receiving a letter from the Governour of Pollicat, adviseing that 9 Englishmen formerly wrote to Zealon for, are arrived at Pollicat, desires some Persons may be sent thither, to examine and receive ym from the dutch, It is therefore order'd that after ye Rochestrs departure, Mr Thoms Gray and Mr John Hill doe goe thither for that purpose, carrying the Governrs letter with them, and a sufficient force to secure ye said men hither, they being supposed to be of the Pyrats crew & that upon their arrivall they be confin'd & try'd by the Coart of Admiralty.

Mr. freemans Accts were read & past.

Mr Robt Freeman late Paymaster his Accts for the Moe of Jany were read by Mr John Littleton his Overser & past in Councill & the ball: Pags 815: 25: $\frac{13}{16}$ to be Accounted for by Mr Thos Gray the succeeding Paymastr.

Charges Garrison	Pags.	883: 05: $\frac{8}{8}$
Charges Generall	„	390: 30: $\frac{1}{4}$
Charges Merchandize...	„	31: 20: –
Factors Provisions	„	70: 00: –
Acct plate	„	30: 0: –
Charges Diet	„	246: 24: $\frac{8}{8}$
Charges Cattle	„	12: 29: –
West Coast	„	350: 05: $\frac{8}{8}$
Fortifications & Repaires	„	139: 20: –
Expedition to Bengall	„	76: 10: $\frac{4}{4}$
Voyage Tonqueen	„	10: 00: –
	Pags	2241: 20: $\frac{8}{8}$

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
WILL: FRASER.
WM: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY

[18TH]

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MUNDAY 18. No Consultation. The Councill being buisy about the dispatching the ship Rochester for England.

19. Madrass frigt arrived from Wst Coast. Madrass Friggot Capt John Spencer Commander arrived from the West Coast, with letters but noe pepper.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

TUESDAY 19.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH: HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR WILLIAM FRASER MR WILLIAM CAWLEY
MR

The whole Councill being duely Summond.

Royall James & Ja: pinck dispatcht for England. The Madrass Friggot arriveing ys day from ye Wst Coast brot us packetts from the Rt Honble Compa & ym adviseing of shp Royll James & pinck James dispatch for England & Loyll Mercht for China fully loaden wth pepr yt they had nothing left to send upon ye Madrass Friggt excepting a few bales of Eurp goods, wch ye Warehousekeepr is order'd to unlade & the Rt Honble Compas lettrs & paprs ℔ the Persia Mercht: be duely examined after ship Rochestr is gone for England.

Bills of Exca. granted Mr. Higginson, Mr Nath: Higginson desireing bills of Excn for Pa: 2537: ½: to remitt home for England payable to the widdow Susana Beard at 9s ℔ Pago: It is orderd that they be given him.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON
THO: WAVELL.
WILL: FRASER.
WM: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

2[1]. Rebecca from Conimere. Ship Rebbecca arrived this morning from Conimere with 188 of the Rt Honble Compas Bales and brought a Generall from the Cheif &ca there adviseing of their troubles, and that they would use all possible dilligenc[e] to hasten in their goods.

21. Deliver'd Capt Bromwels dispatch. Deliver'd Capt Bromwell his dispatch for England as also the Packett to the Rt Honble Compa and the bagg of Particulars, desireing his hastning off.

23. Roches'r set saile. ship from Pullicherry. Ship Rochester, Capt John Bromwell Commandr sett saile this morning for England, the want of water and a fair wind staying him.

A french ship arrived this morning from Pullicherry, being bound for Bengall.

24 James from Maccaw. Ship James Capt Henry Burton arrived this morning from Macaw in China wth Mr Jno Cheney & Mr Thomas Yale.

25. Loyall Capt from Maccaw. Ship Loyall Captain Capt Francis Eldred arrived from Macaw in China wth Mr Hattsell Supra Cargoe.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 25.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR NATH: HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THO: WAVELL
MR WILLM FRASER MR WM: CAWLEY
MR THOMAS GRAY.

Lettr from ye King of Bencolen. The King of Bencolen haveing sent the President a lettr by some of his people, upon the Madrass Friggot, Mr William Fraser is orderd to receive and entertain

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them ashoar, and that they be returnd on the Williamson from whence they came, with the rest of the Mallayes they so kindly spared the Success Friggot for her voyage hither. Mr Fraser to entertaine ye Mallayes aboard.

The Pearle Friggot and Madrass Friggot being much out of repair, and there being now noe other place for us to fitt them in, excepting Vizagapatam, Tis orderd that they be sent thither, with a stock of money and goods to the am^{t}: of 25000 Pagodas for a new Investment and after their repaires, and fitting, they be sent up hither, with what goods they shall have in readiness for the early dispatch of a ship home for England. The Pearl & Madrass frigt out of repair. Orderd for Vizagapat wt a stock.

A letter in answer to Jehan Bawder Cawn Nabob of Bengall approved, wherein was duely represented many insufferable injuries and provocations, the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company have had for the carrying on this Warr, wherein themselves have been the greatest agressors and we the greatest sufferers, also exemplifyed the great advantage of our trade with offers to resettle our Factories provided he would graunt the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} tearmes. letter to Jehan Bawder Cawn Nabob of Bengall.

Our Particular Ship James being arrived from Macaw in China, with returnes of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} adventure thither, which the Warehousekeep^{r} is orderd to send for ashoar to repack and lade them aboard the Williamson for England. Mr Littleton orderd to unload and repack ye bailes.

Orderd that Pag^{s} 327 : 24 : be paid Musla for 9800 Rattans, bought of him at Pag^{s} 3 : 12 : ℔ mill. Rattans bought for ye Compa.

M^{r} John Hill being taken out of the Receivers place in the custome house to goe upon the Syam expedition with assurance to be putt in againe upon his return and M^{r} Gabriel Roberts haveing left it upon his goeing to England 'Tis order'd that he be resettled and officiate that office in the Custome house. Mr. Roberts to succeed in his place of ye [*sic*].

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J: BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
WILL: FRASER.
W^{M}: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

26.

This night about seven a clock, unhappily drove ashoare the prize'd shipp Loretta, and tho all means was used, could not save her. Ship Loretta drove ashoar.

27.

This Evening M^{r} Thomas Gray M^{r} John Hill and M^{r} Thomas Mackreeth sett out for Pollicat in order to the examination of the 9 English men came from Zealoan and carry'd a letter from the President to Laurence Pitt Governour of Pollicatt. Mr Gray &c^{a} for Pollicat.

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M^{R} JOHN LITTLETON M^{R} THO: WAVELL
M^{R} WILL^{M} FRASER M^{R} W^{M}: CAWLEY
M^{R} THO: GRAY *gone to Pollicat.*

THURSDAY 28.

Generall letters to Surrat, giveing the Generall &c^{a} an Acc^{t} of our Affaires to this time, and Conimere read & past. Ltter to Surrat.

Letter to Vizagapatam read and approved, ordering that Pag^{s} 15000 be sent them on the Pearl ffriggot, Pag^{s} 5000 in Silver and 5000 in Europe goods and a Pipe of Canary, as also that John Oneal, Thomas Stables, and Henry Crook be sent for their Assistants. Do. to Vizagapatam.

[28TH] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 168⅝*——

Haveing lately received letters from Asser Alle beague the Mogulls Seer lascar of this Country, wherein he freindly advises us, the paying the townes rent mony, also receiving a letter from Basherad cawn, y^e^ Mogulls Duan & generall Receiver of this countreys Rents Demanding our last years rent money, & that we must pay it to himself, It being his charge & employment to receive y^e^ Mogulls revenues, & in consideration, we have had many troubles some demands about it, Tis now agreed and orderd, y^t^ Pag^s^ 1200 be accordingly sent him, he being greatly recommended to us by our Egib for a man of great Interest in the Mogulls Coart, as also of considerable power here advises us to engage his freindship by a present w^ch^ he has bin long in expectation of, Tis therefore thought fitt and orderd that a Present be made him of 250 Pag^s^ in cloth and Rarietyes.

Pags 1200 be paid to ye Duan for yt towns rent. also a Present be sent.

Orderd that M^r^ Francis Charlton be assist^t^ to the Searcher, and Th^o^: Jardin to y^e^ Receiver at y^e^ Sea Custome house, and since there is not that due attendance given as ought to be at the Custome house, Tis order'd that w^t^ ever officer shall be absent from his place & duty the appointed time from 8 to 11 in the morning & from 2 to 4 in the Evening such persons shall pay half of a Pag^o^, half whereof to the Comp^a^ & half to the informer, for every such neglect, when there is buisiness and Shipping road, and M^r^ Swynoke is appointed to receive the same, and that one or two of the officers to lodge each night in y^e^ Custome house.

orders to ye Custome house.

Upon Tuesday night the 26^th^ Ins^t^: there happned a sad accident of the Syam shipp running ashoar the same that was seiz'd by Cap^t^ Heath in Bengall & sent up hither as prize, and yet in dispute in the Coart of Admiralty, betwixt the French and the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^: about the legallity of the seizure, and M^r^ Will^m^ Fraser being appointed Storekeeper with the charge of our Shipping, the care of her being particularly recommended to him as ℔ our former Consultations, who being examined ab^t^ y^s^ unhappy Loss & y^e^ occasion of it, gave us for answer, y^t^ he has supplied her w^t^ever y^e^ Mast^r^ &c^a^ required of him, altho she had but one cable aboard her yet they never complain'd to him of y^e^ want of another or y^e^ badness of y^t^: The Cap^t^ also declares y^t^ y^e^ cable was good & sound, therefore doubted twas occasion'd by a french trick, one of their shipps rideing by her. The Judge & Justices of the Admiralty declar'd they have deferr'd their Judgem^ts^ about her, in expectation of some ℔sons from Mons^r^ Martin to defend their pretentions, & tho there was all possible care taken to preserve her after her breaking loose, but noe endeavours could prevent it, tho we had y^e^ advice & assistance of severall Europe Command^rs^ ab^t^ it, but in this bad buisiness twas well there was not any lost or hurt, being an empty craz'd ship, M^r^ Fraser is order'd to save w^t^ he can of her rack, or else that she be sold at a publick sale.

relation of the priz'd Ship Loretta.

Mr fraser order'd to wt he can of ye w[r]ack & put to publick outcry.

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MARCH 2. Sloop Princess William Adams Master arrived from Porto Novo with 75 Bales of the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^.

Genl from Conimere. Generall from Conimere dated the 26^th^ ultimo, adviseing that the Avaldar, still continuing very troublesome in hindring the Merchants and stopping the provisions from comeing in, and desires some Gunpowder Musquets and swords may be sent them.

M^r^ Tho: Gray, M^r^ John Hill & M^r^ Tho^s^ Mackreeth return'd from Pollicat, with a letter from y^e^ Commissary to the President and brought with them the nine English men came from Zeilon.

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[3RD] 3 Sloop Beaufort arrived from Arrackan.

Sloop Beaufort, Edwards Master arrived from Arrackan, adviseing of the Bengall Fleet being there and their Intentions of comeing here suddainly haveing effected nothing there nor at Chettegam.

4. Ships Defence &ca. arrived from Bengall.

Shipps Defence, Capt William Heath Command: Resolution Capt Sharp, Recovery Capt Hampton & Merge Friggot, Capt Barwick arrived from Arrackan &ca with the Agent &ca of the Honble Compa Servants of Bengall, and bring news of the rest following them without Success.

Recd a Generall from Mr Ralph Ingram &ca at Porto Novo dated the 23th ultmo adviseing that they had laded 75 Bales of the Rt Honble Compas abord the Sloop Princess.

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MR JOHN LITTLETON CAPT WILLIAM HEATH
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.

MUNDAY 4TH.

Capt Heath was desired to give an acct of the discharg of his Commissn.

Capt William Heath on the Defence, the Resolution Capt Willm Sharp the Recovery Capt John Hampton and the Mergee Friggot, Capt Barwick being arrived by way of Chettegam, And Arrackan, Capt Heath was desired to give in an Acct and Dyary of his Voyage and proceedings to and from Bengall, and how farr he had discharg'd the Commission given him, that we may advise to England and Surrat thereof.

all ye Soldr [s] to be sent for from abod.

Mr Thomas Gray Paymaster is order'd to send for all the Soldiers ashoare from aboard ye severall shipps arrived, giveing in a muster role of them, that they may be noe longer a trouble and charge aboard and enter them into their usuall pay here, disbanding as many of the weakest mustees soldiers as we receive of English men, If they refuse to goe to ye West Coast.

Mr Fraser orderd to call ashoar all ye Supernumerary Seamen

supply ye Compas ships with what they shall want.

Mr William Fraser Storekeeper is orderd to call ashoar all the supernumerary seamen aboard and muster the severall ships Company, and to supply the Compas ships with what shall be wanting, and to take a list of all the Stores they brought from Bengall on the severall Shipps, and hasten them ashoar or supply the Compas ships with what they want of them.

Mr Littleton order'd to take a list and acct of ye goods they brought.

Mr John Littleton, Warehousekeepr is order'd to enquire of the Agent &ca and all the Commandrs & pursers &ca what goods and Merchandize they brought from Bengal[l] of the Rt Honble Compas on their Ships, that a right Acctt thereof may be collected and sent for ashoar and disposed into the Warehouses, they being confusedly laden, and noe Invoices or Acct sent us.

Secry orderd to take a list of ye Compas Servants.

The secretary is order'd to take a list of all the Rt Honble Compas servants that came from Bengall, as also of their degrees and standings, and to give ym the best accomodation the Fort affords.

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[4TH] Warehouse-keepr order to unlade ye Sloop Princess.

The Warehousekeep^{r} is also order'd to unlade the Seventy five Bales from Porto Novo, aboa[r]d y^{e} Sloop Princess.

Ship Loretta to be a legall prize.

The Judge and Justices of the Admiralty doe this day declare before the Councell that y^{e} Syam Ship Loretta, Cap^{t} William Heath sent up hither, from Bengall to be a legall prize from the King of Syam, M^{r} William Fraser is therefore order'd to survey her and give in report thereof to the Councill, that we may proceed accordingly either to have her up or off if possible, if not that she be exposed to a publick sale or broke up.

Mr Cheney readmitted into this Councill.

M^{r} John Cheney being arrived from China was sent for and acquainted with the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Companys favour in readmitting and settling him in his former station in this Councill which is agreed to be next below M^{r} Thomas Wavell, being the same degree he was in, when he was dismist the Councill.

Orders to ye Coart of Adm.

There being great buisiness depending in the Coart of Admiralty, and not such punctuall attendance given there as ought to be, Tis agreed and orderd by us The President and Councill, that who ever of the Judge or Justices of said Coart does not appear there precisely by nine of the clock in the morning on the appointed Coart dayes without an absolute necessity or great reason prevent, shall forfeit five Pag^{s} for every such default, one half whereof to come to the Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} and the other towards the Coart Charges.

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5. Diamond arrived.

Dyamond Friggot, Cap^{t} Herne Com^{d}: arrived from Arrakan.

6. Ship James arrived.

Ship James, Cap^{t} Abraham Roberts arrived from Atchein.

Princess arrived.

Ship Princess, Cap^{t} Joseph Haddock arrivd from Bengall.

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THURSDAY 7.

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M^{R} THOMAS WAVELL M^{R} WILL^{M}: FRASER
M^{R} WILL^{M} CAWLEY M^{R} THOMAS GRAY.

debated on ye dispose of ye Rt Hon Compas Shiping.

Haveing duely consider'd and debated upon y^{e} last Proposalls, about the disposall of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Shipping now with us, Viz the Defence Cap^{t} William Heath Commander, the Princess Cap^{t} Joseph Haddock, Cap^{t} William Sharp: on the Resolution & Cap^{t} Stephen Ashby on the Williamson, Charterparty Shipps, and the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} own Shipping, y^{e} Recovery, Madrass, Pearle, Dyamond, Success, Merge Friggots, the Madapollam, and Beaufort Sloops, which said Ships and Vessells being now brought into our Stock and under our charge, Tis orderd that before wee send them upon any Voyage or repaires, they be duly muster'd and survey'd, by the severall Commanders Masters and Carpenters now with us, and that a true vallue be made and taken of them and their stores, and accordingly enterd into our books, and after to dispose them when they are fitted, as Followes Viz^{t}.

Orderd they be muster'd & surveyd. & a true Valluation be made on ym.

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The Williamson and Resolution with three small Vessells more for the West Coast, the two first to bee laden home from thence with Pepper, which wee Judge will be as much as they cann undertake, the other three either to remaine in service there, or be return'd us with Pepper, and that by the two Shipps be sent Twelve chests of Dollers, eighty Soldiers, w^th^ what other stores Materialls for building as bricks Timbers, Provisions &c^a^ necessaryes procureable here, and that the Williamson being now laden, be immediately dispatch't, and the others to follow as soon as possible, one of the other Charter party Shipps, If the Persia Merchant arrives not in time, to be let to freight upon a voyage to China, which we doubt not may be sufficient to clear her demorage with advantage, and employ her time, till wee can provide a ladeing to dispatch her for England in January next, the other Charterparty Ships to remaine or be sent to the southward for graine &c^a^ hopeing wee shall be able to procure her a Cargoe to lade her for England by June or July next, and y^e^ Pearle and Madrass Friggots, as before orderd to proceed to Vizagapatam to repaire there, and bring up their goods and grain from thence, the others of the small Vessells Viz: one Shipp, one Ketch and a sloop to be sent down to carry on the warr in Bengall, to stop their trade and Salt boats, and persecute their people, and places to bring them to the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ tearmes of satisfaction and accomodation, which we hope may have as good success, as our late numerous chargeable fleet has had, The remaining Vessells to be employ'd on this Coast for graine or as occasion offers.

The Williamson Resolution &ca for the West Coast.

12 Chest $ to be sent &c^a^.

another to be freighted for China.

The other to remaine.

One ship &ca to be sent down to carry ye Warr in Bengall.

The Mergee Friggot the other priz'd Ship Cap^t^ W^m^ Heath seiz'd in Bengall, being now arrived, Tis orderd that the Judge and Justices of the Admiralty doe examine the legality of the seizure and pass sentance accordingly, and in the mean time, M^r^ William Fraser doe take all due care of her according to the charge of his employment.

Mergee friggot to be adjudged.

Agent Charnock, His Councill and the severall Factors and writers to the number of twenty eight Persons being arrived from Bengall, who haveing from their disturbances and suddain surprizeing departure thence laden the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ concernes & remaines in great Confusion, upon the severall Shipps, of w^c^ we have received neither Invoices or bills of Ladeing, Tis therefore orderd that each Command^r^ shall give a list of what they have aboard, as also their severall receipts given by the officers of the Shipping, and that they be duely listed and compared, and that the Agent of Bengall do appoint some of their own people to receive the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ goods ashoare, and take charge of y^m^ takeing a true Acc^t^ thereof, and that all goods and stores be justly examined and Vallued before delivery that this place may be justly charged with noe more, either of Ships Vessells, Goods or Stores then w^t^ we really receive.

Compas goods being laden in a hurry.

Orderd yt ye sevl Commandr do give a list of wt they brought.

Tis further orderd for the greater Safety and Expedition of our buisiness, that all the Comp^as^ Shipps now arrived from the Bay doe unlade the Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ goods and stores aboard them (The Resolution excepted, she haveing most of the Europe goods aboa^d^ her) upon Shipp Recovery, Cap^t^ John Hampton Command^r^: takeing receipts for the same, and that y^e^ severall ships doe make use of their own boats for the traverseing their goods, our Masulas, being few and great occasion for them.

The designe of sending our fleet to assault Mergee was againe renew'd, considerd and debated, the Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ being inclin'd thereto as ℔ their Generall of the [*lacuna in the original*] and all circumstances agreeing w^th^ the report then erroniously raised by the french, The King and Phaulkon cutt off, and the great revolutions and distractions in that Countrey and Government give great oppertunity of assaulting and conquering Mergee, which there is little doubt of effecting, but the greatest difficulty appears to us, is the keeping and maintaining it, as by the great and sad experience the french have had in the fort of Bankoke, where they were extreamly well fortified with near 600 well train'd Europe Soldiers, notwithstanding which, they were at last forc't to a mean surrender thereof, and to a poor & ignoble flight from Mergee, in w^ch^ they lost many of their men, all their treasure & ammunition, so that there is little hopes of better success from

Debates on assaulting Mergee.

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our small & unexperienced numb^{r} but tis recommended to further Consideration, whether we shall not send one ship either to Syam or Mergee to demand the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} debts from the new King and satisfaction for the many wrongs & Injuries we have receiv'd from the old King and his Minister Constant Phaulkon, as also to fetch off M^{r} William Hodges and the rest of the English remaining at Syam (which are about eighty Persons, and Merge, or else to continue warr with them.

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7. Success arrived. The Success Friggot Cap^{t} Thomas Waltrope Command^{r} arrived from Bengall.

8. Genl to Conimere. Generall to Conimere approv'd sign'd & dispatch't.

11. Dispatches delivered. Passes To Shipps Triblicane and Mahamadat belonging to Maucumdum Nina, Inhabitant.

Deliverd Cap^{t} James Perryman Command^{r} of the Pearle friggot his dispatch and packett for Vizagãp:

Deliverd Cap^{t} Edwards, Command^{r} of the Beaufort Sloop the packet to Conimere which was approved and signed.

A bill putt up for the sale of the Loretta.

These are to give notice that on Thursday next the 14th of this Instant March betwixt the hours of Ten and Twelve will be exposed to publick Outcry at the Sea gate of the Custome house. The wrack of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} prize Ship Loretta, which all ^{P}sons are free to bid and buy for ready money.

By order of the President & Councill.
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MUNDAY 11.

french demanding ye prized Syam ship. Tis order'd yt it be first try'd in ye Coart. The french Generall Mons^{r} defargy at Pollicherry makeing demands upon the prized Syam Shipp the Merge, Cap^{t} Heath seiz'd and brought from Bengall, Tis order'd that he bring what evidence procureable into the Coart of Admiralty, that they may Judge the legality of that seizure.

The Att rney Genl do charge Capt Burton wth ye money pd by Salway on his acct. The money paid in China by M^{r} Salway Supra Cargo of Shipp Cæsar from Surrat, upon a Chineeses pretended demand against Cap^{t} Burton for tea sent by him, Tis orderd that the Attorney Generall doe charge said Cap^{t} therewith and that the Judge and Justices of the Coart of Admiralty doe examine and determine the same.

Protest agt Capt Spencer was read to him. The charge and protest against Cap^{t} John Spencer Command^{r} of the Madrass Friggot given him at the West Coast was read to him as also severall other Complaints from the Governour &^{ca} of Bencolen for his misdeameanours, and

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irregular proceedings there to the disappointment of a considerable Freight of pep^{r} from thence.

M^{r} Thomas Gray Paymaster is order'd to hire some convenient house to lodge the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} servants in, now come from Bengall being thirty eight Persons, that they may have conveniency to settle their destracted Acc^{ts} and affaires & to take a true acc^{t} of the goods stores &^{ca} brought wth them and that their Condition and Vallue be reported. Mr Gray orderd to hire lodgge for ye Compas Servts.

M^{r} Bartholomew Rodrigoes and Comp^{a} delivering the Following Pap^{r} to the Councill, proposeing to take Shipp Princess of Denmark upon freight to China, w^{ch} we acquainted them we intended the Persia Merch^{t} for that Voyage if she arrived time enough for it, otherwise we should lett or send upon Freight, either y^{e} Defence or Princess of Denmark to China which being equally good would be alike serviceable to them, therefore desired them to referr that choice to us but they declared they had concluded for reason among themselves upon the Princess, if they could agree upon the tearmes of freight, she being also the lesser Ship, and therefore might bee cheaper to them, which being of equall concerne to the Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} the question, only remain'd whether wee should according to their desires treat with them ab^{t} the freightm^{t} of said shipp to China, which being proposed, twas agreed to by the Councill, soe desireing the Jewes to consider well of the buisiness and to meet again in the Evening, when we should discourse further about it, and make our proposalls, which y^{e} President haveing made a calculation of, according to the stock supposed may goe upon her, offer'd her sole freight to China to them for 25000 Pag^{s}: which they seemed to be startled at, but the President brought it very near to that amount according to accustomary freights, w^{ch} they desired time, also to calculate and consider of. Mr. Rodrigoes &ca proposall for a freight to China.

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TO THE HON^{BLE} ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R}
PRESIDENT &C^{A} COUNCILL IN FORT S^{T} GEORGE.
Honrd S^{r} & Gentlemen.

Wee haveing a considerable stock of money by us at Present, designe a Voyage to China, and therefore before we enter upon treaty for any other ship (out of Respect to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a}) we desire first to know of your Hon^{rs} and Councill, weather you are pleased to lett us out upon freight the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Companys ship the Princess of Denmark, and upon what tearmes, being willing to make a contract for that Voyage, and have also thoughts upon her returne to employ her on another Voyage to Persia, If your Hon^{rs} and Councill shall then think fitt to make a further contract for the same, Though at present wee can't possitively oblige ourselves thereunto so desireing Your Hon^{rs} and Councills answer to this our request as soon as you conveniently can, The season for the Voyage growing near, Wee crave leave to subscribe ourselves.

Hon^{ble} S^{r} and Gentlemen.
Your most Humble Servants
BARTH: RODRIGUES.
DOM: DOPORTO.
ALVARO: DAFONSECA.

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Passes to Ship Conimere Merchant and men at Porto Novo, Antony Pennistone Master bound for Atchein. 11.

Ship Triblicane set saile this evening for Porto Novo. 13.

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THURSDAY 14.

M^{R} JOB CHARNOCK	M^{R} NATH : HIGGINSON
S^{R} JOHN BIGGS	M^{R} JOHN LITTLETON
CAP^{T} WILL^{M} : HEATH	CAP^{T}
M^{R} THOMAS WAVELL	M^{R} WILL^{M} : FRASER.
M^{R} WILL^{M} : CAWLEY	M^{R}

The whole Councill being duely Summond.

The President Acct Cash read.

The President read his Acc^{t} Cash for the month of Feb^{y} the Ball examined amounting to Pag^{s} 58988 : 12 : 2.

The Saphir Friggot Cap^{t} Thomas Lucy Commander arriveing this day from Tonqueen with a Ladeing from thence but most damaged Europe goods which the Warehousekeeper is order'd to unlade as soon as possibly, and take a particular acc^{t} thereof, both as to the quantity and their condition.

The warehousekeepr to unlade ye Saphir friggot.

Capt Heath delivers an acct of his transaction in ye Bay.

Cap^{t} William Heath upon his arrivall here being orderd to give us an acc^{t} of the discharge of his Commission and the Dyary of his proceedings and actions in Bengall to send home to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company, who accordingly now delivers in three Papers, being a breif acc^{t} of some Passages in the Bay, and returne hither Via Chettegaum and Arrackan, referring to his former letters to us, declareing that that was all the acc^{t} he can give of that Affair, which papers were read in Councill, and order'd to be transcribed and sent home to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} by the first oppertunity, Agent Charnock and his Councill were also desir'd to give in an Acc^{t} of their charge and opinions of the state of Affaires in the Bay to their leaveing it, for which purpose Cap^{t} Heaths papers were deliverd the Agent for his perusall, desireing he would give the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} their sence of the late proceedings, as well for their present satisfaction, as future remedy.

Agent Charnock &ca were desired to give in an acct of their charge.

Capt Heath orderd to make up his acct & charge of his Voyage.

Cap^{t} Heath was also orderd to make up his Acc^{t} : of the expences and charges in this his Voyage and expedition to the Bay, as also of the cash and stores disposed of by him, and to make up the severall shipps & soldiers acc^{ts} :, that the charge of his expedition may be brought into one Account.

P. 15 be given to ye Defences surgeon for his care of ye men.

Cap^{t} Heaths Doctor of the Defence haveing Petitioned for satisfaction for his trouble in the looking after the sick soldiers aboard, which his Command^{r} confirming to us in his certificate of his good services therein Tis order'd that Pag^{s} 15 be given him for his care and expence of his Physick.

Capt Ashbys acct to be examined & paid.

Cap^{t} Stephen Ashby produceing a paper under Cap^{t} Heath's hand, ordering his receiving aboard 18 french men that belong'd to the priz'd Syam Shipp Loretta, seiz'd in Bengall, delivers an Acc^{t} of their charges up hither at 6^{s} a head ℔ diem amounting to£ : 24 : 04 : which the storekeep^{r} is order'd to examine and discharge the same, if it appears soe.

1000 Dollers be paid. Capt Ashby on Chartr ℔y acct.

Cap^{t} Ashby also desireing 1000 Dollers for charges of Fitting his Shipp, is orderd to be paid him according to Charterparty Agreement, giveing his receipt for the same.

Mr Rodrigoes &ca offering Pags 12000 for ye whole fret of ship Princess.

M^{r} Bortholomew Rodrigoes, and Company giveing in their answer about the freightment of ship Princess of Denmark, wherein they offerr 12000 Pag^{s} for the whole freight of her to China, & that that was the uttmost they could give, according to the stock they had to send, and freight they could procure by their best and earnest endeavours, which being consider'd of and debated, The Councill by Majority of Voates came to this resolution, that if they wou'd not give 17000 Pag^{s} for her freight to China, that one of the Two shipps shall goe upon a Voyage to China upon the usuall freights, and Condition, whereon the Jewes and others should have the liberty to lade what they pleased, which was beleived might be as advantagious to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} as a single contract for the whole shipp to any particular Person.

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Capt Heath's proposalls to take his ship upon fret.

Cap^{t} Heath also deliverd in proposalls for the takeing his Shipp upon freight to China, which was also debated, but found too conditionall, as well as to the summe considering the difference of their Tonnage and Demorage of his shipp, as also the Confineing us from sending any other of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} ships to China, which Could not be admitted of, since we doubted there will be a necessity for it, if the Persia Merchant arrive from Sumatra as expected, both their proposalls are enter'd next after this Consultation, M^{r} Rodriguez &c^{a}: were sent for and acquainted wth our resolution about Shipp Princess, leaveing it to their further considerations.

Regulateing the Garrison soldiers.

There being two Comp^{as} of Soldiers in y^{e} Garrison and four more now brought us by the Bengall Shipping with many supernumerary officers at very great charge to lessen, which the Governour proposed y^{t} the Portuguez and Topasses formerly in the Garrison who refused serving the Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} any where but at y^{s} place that they be disbanded, but that the Portuguez and Topasses that returnd from the Bay should be continued in service for their encouragement, haveing by their Character of their Command^{rs} discharged their duties readily and well, and that the six Comp^{as} be now reduced to four. The Command^{rs} officers &c^{a} to be as foll and noe more Viz.—

First Company.
JAMES BETT CAP^{T} LEIV^{T}
HEN^{Y} SEAMAN ENSIGNE.
4 Sergeants.
4 Corporalls.
4 rounders.
Sentinells.

Second Company.
FRANCIS SEATON LEIV^{T}
JOHN CROOKSHANKS ENS^{E}
4 sergeants.
4 Corporalls.
4 Rounders.
Sentinalls.

Third Company.
ZOUCH TROUGHTON LEIV^{T} at ½ pay his factors sallary & accomodation being also continued to him.
JAMES HINTCHMAN Ensig:
4 sergeants.
4 Corporalls.
4 Rounders.
Sentinalls.

Fourth Company.
HENRY SINCKLER LEIV^{T}
EDW^{D} BARRON ENS^{E}: ½ Pay.
4 Sergeants.
4 Corporalls.
4 Rounders.
Sentinalls.

Orders concerning it.

And that two of these Comp^{a} to mount the gaurds each day to be passed Viz a Leiv^{t}: and half of a Company in the Fort, the other half of the Comp^{a} with y^{e} Ensigne to be devided to S^{t} Thomas's Gate James Bulwork, Charles point and the sea Gate, the other Company a Leivtenant with half the Comp^{a} to be devided to the Chowltry gate, Middle gate, York and Gloster Points, The Ensigne and other half of the Company to be posted at the out gaurds, at the Bridge and Citty Gates and y^{e} severall other redoubts. Besides which Leivtenant Walter Kennida and fourty Soldiers are drawn out to send to Bencoolen upon the Williamson, and twenty Soldiers with a Sergeant to Conimeer ffactory, & that fourty more be sent to the West Coast by the Resolution as well to supply that place and lessen the charge of y^{t} but that the remaining forces be continued in the Garrison till the Government is better settled and times less troublesome and dangerous.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
WILL: FRASER.
W^{M} CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{TY}.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 168$\frac{8}{9}$*——

[14TH]

Mr Rodrigoes answer to ye Presidents &ca demds.

Mr Rodrigues &c^{a} answer to the Presidents &c^{a} demands for y^{e} freightment of Ship Princess Viz.

To the Hon^{ble} President Elihu Yale Esq^{r}
&c^{a} Councill In Fort S^{t} George.

Hon^{ble} S^{r} & Gentlemen

Haveing considerd on your Hon^{rs} and Councills demands as to the freightment of ship Princess of Denmark to China, We find them to exceed what we are able to give, nevertheless resolve to make Your Hon^{rs} and Councill a proffer of what wee think may be reasonable on both sides, which is Twelve Thousand Pagodas to be paid here at the arrivall of said Shipp from Amoy to this place, Wee obliging ourselves to give the Commander his dispatch by the Twentieth of December next at farthest, w^{ch} proposall regaurding the charge we shall be at of measureing the Ship, Presents &c^{a}. Wee hope may be worth your Hon^{rs} &c^{a} Councills Consideration it being what we Judge the stock that may goe on her will bare, soe hopeing your Hon^{rs} and Councill will please to favour us with Your Answer hereunto For our Government Wee remaine,

Hon^{ble} S^{r} & Gentlemen
Your most Humble Servan^{ts},
Barth^{e} Rodriguez.
Doñ dePorto.
Alvaro da Fonseca.

Capt Heaths proposall.

Cap^{t} William Heaths Proposalls for a Voyage to be made to China by the Ship Defence. That if the Hon^{ble} President and Councill will set said shipp up at the sea gate, declareing that all Merchants have liberty to lade and take their Passage if they please at the usuall rates, and that she shall certainly proceed, then if the aforesaid ship makes not 12000 Pag^{s} freight at her returne I will be obliged to make up soe much, and if she makes more it shall be all the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Otherwise I doe offer 14000 Pag^{s} certainly, both w^{ch} offers and proposalls is provided that noe other of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Europe Shipps be permitted to goe.

This humbly conceive may be for the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} Interest while its thought noe more then one Ship can be disposed of that Way.

March 18th 168$\frac{8}{9}$. William Heath.

16. Ship Francis, M^{r} Robert Masfen, Master set saile this morning for Atchein.

18. Ship Resistance, M^{r} Caleb Tracy Master arrived this morning from Porto Novo.

Att a Consultation

Present

Munday 18.

Elihu Yale Esq^{r} President & Govrnour	
M^{r} Nath: Higginson.	S^{r} John Biggs
M^{r} John Littleton.	Cap^{t} Will^{m} Heath
Cap^{t} Joseph Haddock.	M^{r} Thomas Wavell
M^{r} John Cheney.	M^{r} William Fraser.
M^{r} William Cawley.	M^{r}

The Councill being duely Summon'd.

french Genl letter of demand of ye Mergee frigot.

Letters from the french Generall Mons^{r} defarge at Pollicherry, demanding that the Mergee friggot taken and brought hither by Cap^{t} Heath, may be return'd him alleadging that she was legally taken by the french Kings forces from their Enimies the Syamers, w^{ch} letters were deliver'd to the Judge Advocate &c^{a} who were desired legally to examine the buisiness & give their Judgement thereon as soon as possibly and y^{t} the President doe advise the french Generall accordingly; also that the severall Commanders of our ships doe give in their true reports of their usage of the french soldiers in the Bay and in their passage hither. The Generall complaining to the President thereof.

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Letters from Basherad Cawn the Mogulls Duan in answer to the Presidents letter with the rent money, wherein he discants upon the smallness of our rent and present, in consideration of the great Proffits & revenues we made of the place, which now was under the Mogulls Dominion, and therefore not to be as in the King of Golcondas time, His Cheif designe herein being to gett a greate present from us, which being well consider'd of, is resolv'd not to conceed to, since it can doe us little kindness & may encourage their exactions.

Letter from ye Duan Basherad Cawn.

The Duans Messenger a great Moorman that was sent with the letter and to discourse more particularly in this occasion, was sent for and civilly treated, who after many stories and magnifying his Masters interest and Power in the Mogulls Coart and this Countrey, the President told him, that we were and should be very desireous to continue the Duans freindship, which we hope he would not deny us in Consideration of the many great advantages our Settlements and trade brought to the Countrey and that he was misenformed of our proffitts by it, the Revenues not defraying half the charge we were at in maintaining it and the poor, however twas our own, given us by the grant of severall Kings and soly raised and built by the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} charge from a barren Sand, which we should defend against all opposers of our Right, and soe dismist the Moor wth calmer thoughts, and expectations then he brought.

discourst wth ye duans Messenger:

The nine English men that were suspected to bee Pyrats, lately brought from Pollicat, haveing been some time under confinement and strictly examined in the Coart of Admiralty, but noe confession or evidence appearing against them as to matter of Fact they still resolutely persisting in the denyall of committing any Pyracyes, but that they belong'd to an Interloper, and left her at Zeiloan, but there being too much reason to beleive them to be Pyratts, and being advised by the Judge of the Admiralty, that there is noe other course or means left to discover their Guilt but by pardoning two of them to wittness against the rest, and the Judge haveing some private notice that they were inclinable to confess on condition of Pardon, Tis therefore agreed and orderd that according to His Majesties Charter a pardon be granted, and that afterwards their Examination be taken in the Coart of Admiralty, and that y^{e} rest be tryed by a Coart Martiall, if there be cause found against them.

Judge advocates advice.

yt 2 of ye Pyrats be pardon'd to discover ye rest. wch is accordingly orderd.

Capt^{t} Stephen Ashby, being upon his dispatch to the West Coast, complaines that his Ship is very weakly mann'd, therefore desires the Councill to supply him with such a number of men as may enable him to performe that unhealthy Voyage, Tis therefore agreed and orderd that Ten soldiers or seamen be spared him, he paying Pag^{s} 26 each for y^{e} charges the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} haveing been at, for their sending out of England.

Capt Ashby's request for more men. orderd yt 10 Seamen be spard him.

Raja Ralupa [*Lacuna in the original*] of Bencoolen haveing Voluntarily spared the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} eighteen of their Mallayes for the assistance and transport of the Madrass ffriggot hither free of all wages, for which kindness M^{r} Bloom desired they may be curteously entertained here, and upon their returne to gratifie them with a small present, to encourage others of their people to serve the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} upon the like occasion, and they haveing often requested the President to lend them 1000$ to lay out in goods proper for those parts, which he as often excused to them, telling them, that neither the King or M^{r} Bloom had desired or mentioned any such thing in their letters to him, however in Consideratio[n] of their free service, Tis agreed, & orderd that 100 Pag^{s} be lent them for their occasions, takeing their bill for 170 Dollers to be paid at their arrivall at Bencolen or its amount in Pepper, and in consideration, that they are Mahametans, that 50 Pag^{s} be given them to make provision for their Voyage to the West Coast on the Williamson, and the Command^{r} orderd to treat them curteously aboard and that in Consideration of the Rajaes kindness herein, that a present of a half a peice of Scarlet be sent them, according to M^{r} Bloomes advice and desire.

Raja Ralupa spareing ye Rt Honble Compa some men.

requested ye President ye loan of 1000 $.

Orderd yt 100 P be lent payable at Bencolen & 50 Pa be given them for their necessarys:

Orderd that Pag^{s} 800 be paid M^{r} William Fraser Storekeep^{r} to defray charges of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Shipping in the road and clearing the supernumerary Seamen &c^{a}.

P. 800 be pd Mr Fraser.

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According to ye Rt Hon Comp allowance yt 5 ℘ Cent be pd ye Presidt & Second for commission of Goods.

The Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} adventure upon the Moldsford being now return'd safe and well, Tis approved and orderd that the 5 ℘ Cent Commission upon the Invoice sent, allow'd by the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} order to the President and Second be accordingly paid them amount to Pagodas 356 : 06 : 2 :

Mr Higginson request to be discharged the Rt Hon Compa Service.

M^{r} Nathaniel Higginson his Covenants with the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} expireing the 18th Instant, which he produceing in Councill desired that since he had serv'd his full time he might be discharged from the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Service, which he being so fully resolved upon that our best reasons or perswasions could not alter him from it, He was therefore orderd to deliver all books, papers, Acc^{ts} &c^{a} in his charge to M^{r} Jn^{o} Littleton next of Councill by the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} rules to succeed him.

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21. Letter to Vizagapat &ca.

Letters to Vizagapatam & Porto Novo approved and signed, pressing the hastning their Investment and engageing on New.

22.

M^{r} William Cawley Paid in Pag^{s} 131 : on Acc^{t} of the Land Customes.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^{R} JOHN LITTLETON — S^{R} JOHN BIGGS
M^{R} THOMAS WAVELL — CAP^{T} WILL^{M} HEATH
CAP^{T} JOSEPH HADDOCK — M^{R} J^{O}: CHENEY
M^{R} WILL^{M} FRASER — M^{R} WILL^{M}: CAWLEY
M^{R} THOMAS GRAY.

THURSDAY 22.

Mr Cawleys Accts read.

M^{r} Will^{m} Cawley His book of Accompts of the Land Customes for the month of February was read & past in Councill the Particular Viz :

Land customes	Pag^{s}	17 : 11 : 81
Weighers duty	„	— : 06 : 94
Chowltry customes	„	81 : 29 : 78
Broakers...	„	4 : 00 : 00
Measureing duty	„	30 : 17 : 42
Banksoll Toll	„	1 : 02 : 30
	Pag^{s}	134 : 32 : 25
	Charges deducted	4 : 20 : 00
	Totall Pag^{s}	130 : 10 : 25

Lucy francis' request granted.

M^{rs} Lucy Francis Widdow of Cap^{t} Francis againe makeing it her request to goe for England upon Ship Williamson (Cap^{t} William Perse and Cap^{t} John Bromwell by agreement with her, haveing excused themselves from the trouble, notwithstanding our orders to them for it) but that she may be noe longer a charge to the Company and Scandall to the place Tis agreed and order'd that she goe Passage free upon y^{e} Williamson in Consideration of the loss of her husband in the Bengall Warr, and the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} favourable orders in such cases.

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Capt William Heath is orderd to deliver in His accts of the charge and expences in the Bengall expedition, and the Ballance of the Rt Honble Companys Cash under his management, and to make up the Soldiers and Shipp accounts to the 25th Instant, their pay commenceing from that time. Capt Heaths Accts of his Bengall voyage orderd.

Mr Nathaniel Higginson late Second and Accomptant laying down the Rt Honble Compas Service the 18th Instant, his covenanted time being then expired, The charge whereof falling to Mr John Littleton by succession being next in Degree, He is therefore orderd to receive and take charge of all books papers and Accompts belonging to that Imploy, and bring up the severall generall books, that they may be sent home to the Honble Compa by next Ships if possible and that all necessary Assistance be given him for it. Mr John Littleton orderd second & accompt to take charge of all books &c.

Mr Bartho: Rodriguez &ca as we are enformed being about freighting or buying some particular Shipp to send to China, they were sent for to the Council to treat further about ye freighting the Princess, it being the most advantagious employ we can think of for her, since we cannot procure goods enough to lade her home, soe after a long debate with many arguments and perswasions to the Jews, Wee agreed with them for the whole freight of Ship Princess to China for 15000 Pagodas they to be at all Charges of measureing Presents &ca dureing this Voyage. Agreed with Mr Rodrigoes &ca for 15000 Pags for Princess of Denmark fret.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
J. BIGGS.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
WM CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WLLIAM PROBY Secry.

Coppy of the Contract made between The President & Councill & Barth: Rodrigoes & Compa for the freightmt of Ship Princess of Denmark to China. Coppy of the Contract wth the Jewes.

Contract and Agreement made by and between us the President and Councill of Fort St George for acct of the Rt Honble English East India Company and Bartholomew Rodrigoes and Company for the freightment of Shipp Princess of Denmark, burthen 670 Tonns or thereabouts, Capt Joseph Haddock Commander, now rideing in the road of Madrass, according to Charterparty made between the Rt Honble East India Company, and her Owners in England dated the fifteenth of July 1687 which said Charterparty, with all & every its Tonnage priviledges under obligations, Wee the said President and Councill doe assigne and make over to the said Bartholomew Rodriguez and Company to have the sole Ladeing and freightment thereof to the port of Amoy in China or any other port adjacent, for the Consideration and Summe of fifteen thousand Pagodas of Madrass, to be paid by the said Bartholomew Rodriguez and Company to the said President & Councill or their successors within thirty dayes after the next arrivall to this Port or any port or place on this Coast of Chormandell, where she shall break bulk, Tis also agreed that the aforesaid freighters are and shall be at all charges of Measureing Presents &ca that shall be demanded or may happen dureing the said Voyage and that she be dispatch't from China by the Tenth of December next ensueing the date hereof, or in case of any casualty or misfortune should happen in their trade in China, then the Commander hath Liberty to stay till the twentyeth of December and noe longer, the said freighters, allowing & paying her Charterparty demorage for so many of the ten dayes, as the Ship shall be detained there upon their accounts, the said Shipp to be in a readiness to Saile from hence by the first of May next. In Wittness whereof Wee the President and Councill for Acct and in behalf of the Rt Honble English East India Company, doe hereby oblige ourselves Clause of demorage.

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on y^{e} one part and Bartholomew Rodriguez and Company for themselves. Heirs Executors & Administrators on the other haveing interchangeably sett our hands and seals at Fort St. George, in the Citty of Madrass This one & twentyeth day of March Anno Dom̃ 168$\frac{8}{9}$.

BART: RODRIGUEZ.
DOM̃: DEPORTO.
ALVAR: DEFONSECA.

Genl from Callicutt.

Generalls from Callicutt and Battur dated the 23th and 29 December last, with a coppy of the articles agreed upon by the Generall &c^{a} Councill and the Mogulls Minist^{r} at Surrat on the 10th of November 88.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAOR^{Y}

Present

SATURDAY 23.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^{R} JOHN LITTLETON — S^{R} JOHN BIGGS
M^{R} THOMAS WAVELL — CAP^{T} WILL^{M} HEATH
CAP^{T} JOSEPH HADDOCK — M^{R} JOHN CHENEY
M^{R} WILLIAM FRASER — M^{R} WILLIAM CAWLEY
M^{R} THOMAS GRAY.

Letter to ye french Genll.

Letter to the french generall, adviseing the proceedings of the Coart of Admiralty, and to satisfie his many other complaints about the Commanders ill entertainment of the french Soldiers from Bengall, who are orderd to give in their severall reports thereof.

Mr Rodrigoes propos'd ye buying of ye Lead abd ye Princess.

agreed at 9 P ℔ Ca:

There being a parcell of Lead aboard y^{e} Ship Princess that came out upon her from England & M^{r} Rodriguez &c^{a} haveing hired the Ship for China proposed the buying y^{e} said Lead, in consideration of the time trouble and charge twould cost here, haveing but few boats for much buisiness, and after some treating about y^{e} price came to this agreement, to sell it them ℔ Invoice at pag^{o} 9 ℔ Candy ready money, which we esteem a good service considering the quantity we have by us, and the low price it bears in Town.

The Settlement of the Councill in their Severall Imployes.

M^{r} Nath: Higginson haveing served his Covenanted time to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} expired the 18 Instant and then layd down the Comp^{as} Service, The Councill mett to settle their severall Imployments wherein, M^{r} John Littleton being second by succession is appointed to the charge of the Books and Accounts, The next is 3^{d} and Warehousekeep^{r} according to the Comp^{as} printed Rules and Custome of this Place, but M^{r} Thomas Wavell being formerly orderd joint Commissioner of the Customes with M^{r} Nathaniel Higginson declares he ought to continue in that Imploy and take his preceedency, which occasioning dispute with the rest it was put to the Vote, after perusall of the severall Letters and orders from the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} about M^{r} Wavell, wherein we find him possitively orderd, Collector of the revenues giveing him a gratuity of 40 Pag^{s} to encourage him therein, therefore not alterable, but by the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} express order, but his being Customer was not so possitive, the question was therefore putt whether he ought to continue in the Sea Customes or be removed to the charge of the Warehouse as accustomary in such cases, and by m[a]jority of Votes, he was determined to the Imploy of the Warehouse, which he was appointed to, to take the charge of from M^{r} Littleton.

The next proposall was whether the Paymaster or the Sea Customer had the Preceedency, M^{r} John Cheney being next of Degree to the Warehousekeep^{r} according to His station was appointed Paymast^{r} or Purser Marine according to those stated Rules, and orderd to receive the books and Acc^{ts} from M^{r} Thomas Gray.

M^{r} William Fraser being next in succession he is therefore orderd Sea Customer and to receive that charge from M^{r} Thomas Wavell.

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The Employ of the Storekeep^{r} being the next place, is appointed to M^{r} William Cawley, who is orderd to receive the remaines and accounts of M^{r} William Fraser late Storekeeper, and also to look after the fitting manning and expences of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Ships and Vessells.

M^{r} Thomas Gray being last of Councill is appointed to the Land Customes, which buisiness being small tis thought fitt, that he doe take charge of the Mint, for the present, as also to continue his former Imploy of Register of the Insurance office, according to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} orders.

proposed ye sending ye Saphir friggot for England with advices.

The Saphir friggot being arrived well fitted from Tonqueen, the President proposed the sending her, immediately for England to give the Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} An Acc^{t} of the returne of their Shipping from Bengall and the late mannagement of affaires there, that the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} might give what orders they Judge most requisite in these weighty buisiness to their Honours and Nation, but adviseing more particularly with the Command^{rs} about the season for Passage, Tis their opinion, that the Ship now sent for England, must winter at the Maroushes, soe that the Williamson may be as soon home from the West Coast as any sent hence.

Proposed ye selling most of ye Honble Compas Vessells.

The selling of most of the Comp^{as} Vessells, and Sloops was also proposed to cease the useless charge they are at, but not knowing what orders their Hon^{rs} may suddainly send us about the prosecuteing the Warr or settling those ffactoryes upon the best tearmes wee can, either of which cannot be mannag'd without those Vessells, Tis therefore held best to keep y^{m} in their Hon^{rs} Service and to fitt and employ them y^{e} best way we cann till further orders.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^{O}: CHENEY.
WILL^{M}: FRASER.
W^{M}: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

A survey and Valluation made on the Severall Shipps and Vessells belonging to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble} Comp^{a}.

The survey & valluation of the sevl Ships &ca.

Wee the subscribers hereof haveing been on board y^{e} severall Shipps Ketches and Sloops undermentioned in pursuance of an order from the Hon^{ble} Elihu Yale President and Governour for the surveying the same Condition of the said Vessells together with their Sev^{ll} Stores and ammunition mentioned in their severall Inventoryes, and upon the best of our Judgements doe make this report on the whole and Vallue the same as follows Viz.

Shipp Madapollam with all her Necessarys and stores, according to Inventory	P	750
Ship Recovery with all necessaryes and stores according to Inventory	„	2200
Success ffriggot with all her stores and necessaryes according to Inventory	„	1200
Ship Dyamond wth all her necessaryes & stores according to Inventory	„	1500
Ketch Samuell with all her necessarys & stores according to Inventory	„	400
Ketch Thomas as above exprest	„	200
Sloop Ballasore as above	„	50
Sloop Beaufort as above	„	125

Includeing gunns and ammunition in the Vessells above said.

WILLIAM SHARP.
GEO: HERRON.
JOHN HAMPTON.
THO: WALTHROPE.

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[24TH]
24
Genl from Conimere. leave to build a guard house.

Generall from Conimere dated the 22^{d} Instant, desireing leave to build convenient gaurd rooms to lodge their soldiers, as well for the security of the Factory as prevention of abuses in the Towne, also upon consideration of these dangerous times desire leave to lay in a convenient store of provision of grain &c^{a} for if they should (by any accident) be deny'd supply from the Countrey.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 25.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{r} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^{R} JOHN LITTLETON — S^{R} JOHN BIGGS
M^{R} THOMAS WAVELL — CAP^{T} WILL^{M} HEATH
CAP: JOS^{P}: HADDOCK — M^{R} JOHN CHENEY
M^{R} WILL^{M} FRASER — M^{R} WILLIAM CAWLEY
M^{R} THOMAS GRAY.

Agent Charnocks &ca opinion & relation of Capt Heaths managemt of affairs in Bengall.

Agent Charnock &c^{a} delivering to the Councell their opinion and relation of Cap^{t} William Heaths mannagement of his Commission and Affaires in Bengall lately under his conduct, which is thought requisite to be deliver'd to Cap^{t} Heath, to reply thereto if he thinks fitt.

Assistants orderd to the sevl of Councill.

Haveing settled the Councill in their severall Stations and Imploym^{ts}: the last Consultation day the Councill now proceed^{ed} to order them Assistants for the carrying on the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} buisiness under their Severall charges, wherein first M^{r} Jn^{o} Littleton, haveing the care and charge of the Generall books & Accounts, which are so much behind hand, that he declares to the Councill, that he cannot bring them up without very good assistance, and here being few experienc'd in book keeping belonging to this place, & the Bengall buisiness being so backward as requires all their people to hasten it, He makes choice of M^{r} James Wheeler, who is well acquainted and expert in that buisiness, M^{r} Littleton engageing that if y^{e} Councill would reentertain him in the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Service and to his assistance, that he would bring up all or most of the Books and Accounts, to be ready to goe home by the September Ships, which being a necessary good Service, as well for the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} satisfaction as our safety, the question was putt to the Councill whether we could readmitt him into their Honours Service and his former Station, haveing been faulty and under the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} just displeasure, though we doe not find their orders have absolutely dismist him from their Service, therefore in consideration of M^{r} Littletons undertaking with his assistance to bring up the books, 'Tis agreed and orderd that he be, from this day, reentertaind into the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Service in his former Station and Sallary, with Submission to the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} approbation & further orders concerning him, also George Wingfeild and Enock Walsh are appointed his Assistants for y^{e} books.

Mr Wheeler reentertain'd in ye Rt Honble Compas Service, wth Submission to their approbation.

For M^{r} Thom^{s} Wavell's assistance are appointed M^{r} William Fraser upon Extraordinary occasion, M^{r} Henry Alford, M^{r} Edward Treadcroft, M^{r} Jn^{o} Meverell in the Warehouse, and Robert Cranwell and Geo: Croke in the collection of the Quitt rents

For M^{r} John Cheney, Paymast^{r} Thom^{s} Wright and John Leneeve, to assist him therein.

For M^{r} William Fraser, at the Sea Custome house M^{r} Samuel Swynoke, Jn^{o} Hill, Nath: Halsey Franc^{s} Charlton, Jn^{o} Butterfeild, Thom^{s} Jardin appointed Officers of the Sea Custome house.

[25TH]

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 168⅞*——

For Mr William Cawley Storekeepr Mr Mountage Stephen Mabb to look after the Compas Shipping.

For Mr Thoms Gray in his severall Imployments Viz. the Land Customes, charge of the Mint & Register of the Assurances, Mr Henry Mose, James Johnson are appointed to his assistance in the Mint, and Matt: Milemay, Jno Dean Christ: Allin, at the Land Custome house &ca each of our Councill to conclude their former buisiness and enter upon their new Employs the first of next month.

Capt William Heath delivered in his Accts of the Bengall Voyage, which the Accomptant is orderd to peruse and make report to the Councill. The accompt orderd to examine Capt Heaths Accts

The Mallays requesting the liberty to carry a small quantity of Salt with them to the West Coast, which in consideration they have served ye Rt Honble Compa on their Ship gratis and to oblige them & their Masters tis thought necessary to gratifie them therein, and Capt Ashby is orderd to receive yt & their necessarys abd his Ship & be kind to them. Mallays request granted.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
WM: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Generall from Vizagapatam, dated the 17th Instant accompanied with one from Mr Henry Stanley & James Ravenhill at Ballasore dated the 12th Feby last, adviseing the Gover[n]ments ill usage to them for the Injuries, the English did in the last attempt on Ballasore, and that the Nabob has expressly orderd all the English there to be sent to Decca in Irons. So desireing the President and Councill would commiserate their deplorable condition, and make provision for their releasement. 26. Genll from Vizagapa with new from Bengall.

Generall from Vizagapatam dated the 4th ffeby adviseing of their Merchants backwardness in bringing in their goods, excuseing themselves yt the great famine and present wars between the Seir lascar and the Rajas has been the occasion of their not complying wth their Contract, but promiseing their earnest endeavours to conclude it in due time. 27. Genll from Vizagapat.

They have also been treating with ye Seir lascar about the Gover[n]ment of the Towne but could not agree to our proposalls, they haveing not power to grant it, nevertheless, that the Rt. Honble Company buisiness, should find his best assistance and goe on according to Cowle.

Lately recd advices from the Southward yt Sombojee is taken by the Mogulls forces, through treachery of his people, which reaching Harja Raja's ears has imprison'd Casha Pontulo, and his freinds whereupon many of his Servants have obsconded themselves. advice yt Sambojee is taken by the Mogull.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR — THURSDAY 28.
MR JOB CHARNOCK — MR JOHN LITTLETON
SR JOHN BIGGS — MR THOMAS WAVELL
CAPT WILLM HEATH — MR JOHN CHENEY
MR WILLM FRASER — MR WILLM CAWLEY
MR THOMAS GRAY

Mr Nath: Higginson read his accts of the mintage duties for the months of February and March & paid in Pags [*lacuna in the original*] the ballance of his acct as also ye ball: of his Paymasters acct Pag 16: 19: 3: he also gave in an Mr. Higginsons acct of the Mint read.

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account of Mr Johnson Assaymaster wherein he charges the Loss of oz. [*lacuna in the original*] in makeing assayes of the Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ gold, which being an unusuall charge in the Mint, Mr Johnson is to be accomptable for it & the Mint Bramenees to be credited by him, all the gold being charg'd to their Accomp^ts^.

Mr. Higginsons request of laying down ye charg [e] of Mayorship.

Mr Nathaniel Higginson deliverd in a Paper requesting, since he has layd down the Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Service he may be also discharged from the office of Mayor of this Corporation, being sudddainly design'd upon a Voyage as by his following Paper, and that another may be appointed to that charge, whereupon peruseing the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ charter for this Corparation: and their orders therein, in their letter of the 28^th^ Septem^r^ 87, ꝑ the Princess of Denmark, wherein they have given order and power to the President and Councell in such cases to constitute and appoint, Tis therefore agreed & orderd that Mr Nath: Higginson be discharged & Mr John Littleton being next in succession, and eldest Alderman, be Mayor of the Corporation, and that he doe execute that office in all its authorityes till the 29^th^ of September next according to our Commission given him, and enterd next after this Consultation.

Mr Littleton to be Mayor.

Debated of the dispos^n^ of ye Defence.

Wee haveing advices from the Southern and Vizagapatam Factories that their buisiness is greatly impeeded, and their Merch^ts^ are so far from undertakeing a new contract, y^t^ they almost despair of concludeing y^e^ old in some months, and our Merch^ts^ here also being much discourag'd by the warrs, troubles and obstructions in y^e^ Countrey, the weavers & other necessary labourers being by the armies of the Mogull and Savagee encampt about us dayly so rob'd and plunderd that they will not be perswaded yet to undertake a new Contract, w^ch^ makes us doubtfull of dispatching the new Defence an early Ship home for England as we design'd, Twas therefore proposd and taken into consideration how to dispose her upon a Voyage, y^t^ may compensate her great charge of Demorage, there being but two that appears w^th^ any probable advantage, The S^tt^ is to the West Coast, where we have already sent two Vessells the Dorothy & Bencolen to returne hither with pepper & design'd 2 more Viz: the Williamson & Resolution, to be laden from thence for England with Pepper, the other to be employd upon this Coast for graine which being now much cheaper then formerly twill scarcely be worth her time, Twas therefore proposed to send her to China to be laden thence with Sugar, Tutenague &c^a^ for Persia, which we calculate may amount to about Twelve thousand Pounds, which wee were also encouraged to, by our haveing soe great a quantity of Silver by us, which we cannot Invest nor well dispose of, and though this designe is for many other reasons concluded the best and most advantagious for her, and the Hon^ble^ Company, yet there arrises a great and allmost an indispensible objection against it, which is their Hon^rs^ letter of the 25^th^ September ꝑ the Princess of Denmark, wherein they expressly forbid us sending any their Stock to China or Tunqueen upon any pretence whatever, which being a matter of great consequence, and scruple to act contrary to order, Twas therefore deferr'd to further consideration, whether in such cases of necessity wee might adventure upon it.

Storekeep^r^: &ca orderd to repair ye Garrison.

The Surrat sadd news from the french was imparted and largely debated and recommended to the Councills secrecy and to Consider what course to take therein in the meane time, The Paymast^r^ and Storekeeper are order'd to repaire the walls towards the river side and what else may be wanting in our Garrison, The Armes well fitted, Powder and Shott to be provided, and other Stores, necessary for a seige and our Defence.

Mr Littletons Acctt read.

Mr John Littleton his Book of Acc^tts^ of the Warehouse for the month of January was read & past in Councill, and Pag^e^ 623: paid into their Hon^rs^ Cash for Acc^t^ of goods sold by him.

Capt Heaths answer to ye Agts &ca paper Order to be sent home.

Cap^t^ William Heath deliverd in his answer to the Agent &c^a^ of Bengalls paper, which is order'd to be transcrib'd and sent home, and Agent Charnock desireing the ꝑusall of it, It is order'd to be deliverd him.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1689*—— [28TH]

The Warehousekeep[r] Customer and Storekeeper were again desired and orderd to hasten y[e] unladeing the Comp[as] Shipps, that we may dispose of them the best way wee can.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN[O]: CHENEY.
WILL[M]: FRASER.
W[M]: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec[ry].

Mr Higginsons Request.

TO THE HON[BLE] ELIHU YALE

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C[A] COUNCILL.

Being out of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Service and haveing thoughts of goeing a Voyage suddainly, I desire you will please to give mee leave and so soon as conveniently may bee, to appoint another Person to bee Mayor of the Corporation for the remaineing part of the Year, The Charter haveing reserved power to the President and Councill in such case, to make such appointment.

Your Hon[rs] Most humble Servant,

March 28[th] 1689. NATH: HIGGINSON.

Commission to M[r] John Littleton.

Commission to y[e] Worsp[l] Jn[o] Littleton Mayor of the Corporation of the Citty of Madras & Town of Fort S[t] George.

Whereas the Worsp[ll] Nathaniel Higginson Mayor of the Corporation of this Citty of Madrass and Towne of Fort S[t] George, haveing declared His desires and Intentions of Laying down and quitt the Office and charge of the Mayorlty, To supply whose Place for the remayning Part of the Year, Wee the President & Councill of Fort S[t] George for the R[t] Hon[ble] English East India Company, By Virtue of their Charter to the said Corporation doe hereby appoint, Alderman John Littleton, to be Mayor till the nine and twentyeth day of September next, and to execute all the Offices and Authority therein of His Predicessors granted to Him by the said Charter, given under our Hands & the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Seal at Fort S[t] George in the Citty of Madrass this 29[th] day of March An[o] Dom[i]. 1689.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN BIGGS.
THO: WAVELL.
WILL[M] FRASER.
W[M] CAWLEY.
THOM[S] GRAY.

29. Persia Merchant Ship Mary arrived from Bencolen.

Ship Persia Merchant, Cap[t] Benjamin Brangwin Command[r] & Ship Mary, Cap[t] Stephen Barber Command[r] arrived from Sumatra; haveing been near 3 months on her Passage hither, and in nine degrees South Latit[d] mett the Rochester, calling aboard her, found all in good healths, and in a fair way to gett her Passage for England.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

APRILL. THURSDAY 4TH.

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M[R] JOHN LITTLETON — S[R] JOHN BIGGS
M[R] THOM[S] WAVELL — CAP[T] WILLIAM HEATH
CAP[T] JOSEPH HADDOCK — M[R] JN[O]: CHENEY
M[R] WILLIAM FRASER — M[R] WILL[M]: CAWLEY
M[R] WILLIAM CAWLEY [*sic.*]

[4TH] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, APRILL 1689*——

The President acct Cash read.

The President read his acc[t] Cash for the month of March the Ballance examined amounting to Pag[s] 41278: 24: 1.

Accomptt orderd to draw ye acct Sallary.

M[r] John Littleton, Accomptant is orderd to draw up the acc[t] Sallary due to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Servants the 25[th] March last, and as also that the Agent &c[a] of Bengall do give in theirs apart, and that both be accordingly paid.

6 Chest & provision be sent to ye West Coast.

The late letters by the Persia Merchant from the West Coast desireing a supply of Graine, tis therefore orderd that 100 bags of wheat and 200 of rice be accordingly sent them, and also six chests of Dollers q[t] 24000 be traverst from the Defence aboard the Williamson.

In consideration the whole Bengall Affair has been under the direction and management of the Agent &c[a] and Cap[t] Heath, Tis order'd for prevention of mistakes, that all acc[ts] relateing to their Military or Navall forces be first examined by Cap[t] Heath and then by the Agent &c[a] Councill, and after being approved and signed by them, that then the Paymaster do pay and discharge their severall bills & Acc[ts] and not otherwise.

Mergee friggot being leaky, ye Storekeeper is orderd to supply wth wt necessary.

The Mergee ffriggot being not yet deliverd to y[e] french and being very leaky, and much out of repair, y[e] Storekeeper is orderd to supply her with what she is necessitated for to s[e]cure her.

Capt Heath orderd to get his Ship in readiness.

Cap[t] Heath is order'd to unlade and gett his Ship in readiness that she may be disposed upon some Voyage.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN[O]: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W[M]: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec[ry].

8. M[r] Thomas Wavell paid in Pag[s] 55: 20: being the amount of Cap[t] James Leslies bond to the R[t] Hon[ble] Company.

MUNDAY 8TH. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M[R] JOHN LITTLETON — M[R] JOHN BIGGS
M[R] THOMAS WAVELL — CAP[T]:
CAP[T]: — M[R] JOHN CHENEY
M[R] WILLIAM FRASER — M[R] WILLIAM CAWLEY
M[R] THOMAS GRAY.

The whole Councill being duly Summon'd.

Sloops Beaufort & Ballasore orderd to Anore river for repair.

Sloops Beaufort and Ballasore being in soe very leaky condition, that they can hardly be kept above water, Tis therefore orderd that they be sent to Anore river to be repaired and fitted, and that the Storekeep[r] M[r] Cawley be very carefull in that expence.

Mr Chardin proff-r 2000 P for ship Recovery.

M[r] Daniell Chardin according to his promise brought the Councill his resolution about buying Ship Recovery when after many complaints of her age, weakness & want of repair, he declared y[t] the utmost he could give for her was 2000 Pag[s] which he beleiv'd to be more then her worth, and y[t] no other person would give it, but she haveing been vallued & survey'd by severall persons at 2200 Pag[s] tis thought but reasonable and satisfactory that she be put up at a publick sale at the sea gate at Pag[s] 2000, where if noe person bid more then to lett M[r] Chadin have her at that rate, in consideration she will be at a great charge to sheath & repair her, and now lies at near a 100 Pag[s] a month charge.

orderd she be put up at an *out* cry.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, APRILL 1689*—— [8TH]

Letters to the Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ read and approved. The buisiness of sending the Defence to China coast was againe debated but not resolved thereon. lettr to ye Rt Hon Compa.

Serjeant Hitchman petitioning the Councill for satisfaction for his service at Tellicherry, Tis orderd that the Vallue of 20 [z]erafeens be allow'd him for y^t^ Service, Cap^t^ Peirce haveing commended him therein.

Widdow Heathfeild petitioning the Councill about an action depending in the Coart against Jn^o^ Poise deceased the Justices are orderd to examine and conclude that buisiness.

Orderd that a Court Martiall be held on saturday next being the 12^th^ Instant in y^e^ ffort Hall for the tryall of the nine supposed Pyrats, lately sent hither from Pollicat, and a summons be issued out accordingly, and y^t^ S^r^ John Biggs doe sett President, the Govern^r^ being very buisy. a Coart Martiall to be held. Sr Jno Biggs doe sett President.

The Conimere Merch^ts^ desireing they might have Broad cloth instead of the Corrall they were oblig'd to have by contract, which is thought fitt to grant y^m^ in consideration of the great quantity of Cloth wee have by us, and that tis much subject to damage and that the Cheif &c^a^ be wrote to, accordingly. Conimere Mercht request granted.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^O^: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W^M^: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ty^.

Letter to Conimere ffactory read approved and dispatch't.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present THURSDAY 10.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^R^ JOHN LITTLETON S^R^
M^R^ CAP^T^: WILLIAM HEATH
CAP^T^ M^R^ JOHN CHENEY
M^R^ WILLIAM FRASER M^R^ WILL^M^: CAWLEY
M^R^ THOMAS GRAY.

The whole Councill being duely summon'd.

Order'd that Pag^s^ 1000 be paid M^r^ John Cheney to buy Coarse gold to coyne fanams, they being very scarce and dear in towne. P 1000 be pd Mr Cheney.

M^r^ William Cawley read his book of the Land Customes, for the month of March which was read and past in Councill Viz^t^. Mr. Cowleys accts read.

Land Customes	Pag^s^	19 : 15 : 23	
Weighers duty	,,	– : 9 : 58	
Chowltry Customes	,,	108 : 22 : 36	
Measurers duty	,,	53 : 20 : 80	
Banksoll	,,	2 : 24 : –	
Register of Slaves &c^a^	,,	1 : 28 : –	
	Pa:	186 : 11 : 97	
Charges deducted ...		4 : 10 : –	
	Pag^s^	182 : 01 : 97	

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^O^: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W^M^: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ty^.

[10TH] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, APRILL 1689*——

12 The Coart Martiall held at the ffort hall this day for the tryall of the nine suspected English Pyratts brou[t] from Pollicat, whereof two were sentenced to death & six, to be stigmatized with a hot Iron in the foreheads.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 15.

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M[R] JOHN LITTLETON S[R]
M[R] THOMAS WAVELL CAP[T] WILL[M] HEATH
CAP[T] M[R] WILL[M] FRASER
M[R] WILLIAM CAWLEY M[R] THOM[S] GRAY.

The whole Councill being duely Summond.

Bengall accts examined. M[r] William Cawley, Storekeep[r] delivering in some Bills of charges and wages due to the seamen ab[d] the Severall Snips, and Vessells came from Bengall which being examined and approv'd by the Agent &c[a] Councill and Cap[t] Heath. Tis orderd that he doe Pay off and clear said acc[ts], takeing their sev[l] receipts for the same.

orderd to clear sd accts.

Mr Hatsell request granted. M[r] William Hatsell requesting to send some Tea home upon Ship Williamson, consignd to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] upon their own tearms of Permissive trade, It is agreed & orderd that the s[d] goods be rec[d] aboard being Invoiced & consigned by bill Ladeing to the Hon[ble] Comp[a].

resolved to send ye Defence to China on ye Rt Honble Compas Acct. The Conditons proposed. Upon mature considerations and debates ab[t] the dispose of Ship Defence, there being noe goods here to lade her home nor sufficient Pepper at the West Coast ready for all, Twas resolved the best designe, to send her to Maccaw and Canton in China on the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Acc[t] to lade there with Sugars, Tutenague &c[a] for Persia, consigned to the Agent &c[a] and 2 of our People, But if the Hon[ble] Comp[a] should not approve thereof being without their order, then they will please to make a Declaration thereof upon arrivall of our advices, and we &c[a] doe severally engage to take the Voyage and adventure upon our acc[ts] and hazzard, according to our obligation (enterd next after this Consultation,) and to allow the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] Ten ℔ Cent Interest upon the Stock as ℔ Invoice and 35 ℔ Cent freight to Persia and returne hither.

Offerd to Mr. Chinee to go Supra Cargo likewise to ye rest. M[r] Jn[o] Cheney being licenced by the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] to goe to China as ℔ their Gen[ll]: dated the [*lacuna in the original*]. Twas therefore proposed to Him to goe Sup[a] Cargo of said Ship, but he desires to be excused going, being not well recover'd of his late Voyage thither.

Twas next proposed to M[r] William Fraser, who also desired to be excused being a stranger in those Parts.

M[r] William Cawley also excuses himself upon being very sickly at sea and therefore not so capable of that Service.

and lastly twas proposed to M[r] Thomas Gray who desired till next Consultation day to consider thereof, when he would give his resolution therein.

Capt Heath to compleat his complemt of men. Cap[t] Will[m] Heath his Ship being now designed for China, He is therefore orderd to unlade what goods &c[a] of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] aboard and clear his Ship w[th] all Possible Expedition, and that he doe Compleate the Ships number of men according to Charterparty.

The Coart Martiall upon the 12 Inst haveing try'd the 9 English men sent us by the Dutch Commissary from Pollicat and finding them all guilty of Pyracy tho not all equally culpable, therefore twas concluded by Majority of Voats to condemne 2 to death and six Branded in the forehead with a P: which six was to have been stigmatiz'd this day, but the martiall being sick, tis order'd to deferr the execution till tomorrow, and that 2 of them be punished according to Sentance at the Execution Post under the Fort point, and that the gaurds be drawn up to be spectators of the sad examples.

ye execution of ye Pyrat deferrd.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, APRILL 1689*—— [15TH]

The other four to make their Punishment more examplary and terrifie others, Tis orderd that two be branded aboard the Williamson and the other two aboard the Resolution, and the said offenders doe proceed on those ships to the West Coast.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN°: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W^M: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry.

The Subscription.

The Subscription. Wee the Subscribers doe hereby oblige each of us for ourselves, Heires and Executors unto the R^t Hon^ble English East India Company for our sev^l subscriptions for their stock now sent to China and Persia upon Ship New Defence, Conditionally Their Hon^rs disapprove thereof, the stock & Voyage then to be upon our Acc^ts and Risgoes, Paying the said R^t Hon^ble Comp^a or their President &c^a here Ten ℔ Cent Interest upon the amount of their Invoice also to allow them thirty five ℔ Cent in Specie for all goods that shall be sent on Her to Persia and thence hither, Wittness our hands at Fort S^t George in the Citty of Madrass this 15^th day of Aprill 1689.

Elihu Yale Subscribes	£ 1000 : 00
John Littleton	500 : 00
William Heath	2500 : 00
John Cheney	250 : 00
William Fraser	150 : 00
William Cawley	250 : 00
Thomas Gray	500 : 00
Ri: Frenchfeild	500 :–
John Evans	500 :–
John Beard	500 :–
Ri: Browne	500 :–
Henry Alford	500 :–
Symon Holcomb	500 :–
Charles Metcalf	500 :–
Daniel Chardin	500 :–
John Pounsett	500 :–
John Affack	500 :–
Totall	... £ 10150

16. Ship Persia Mercht burn't. This morning Shipp Persia Merchant was most unhappily blown up in the road, w^th fourty seaven Souls in her, by what means or accident cannot be learn't.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 18.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^R JOHN LITTLETON S^R
M^R THOMAS WAVELL CAP^T WILL^M HEATH
CAP^T JOSEPH HADDOCK M^R JN°: CHENEY
M^R WILL^M: FRASER M^R WILL^M CAWLEY

The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.

P: 1000 be pd Mr Cheney. Orderd that Pag^s 1000 be paid M^r John Cheney Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

[18TH].

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, APRILL 1689*——

P : 2000 be pd Mr Cawley.

Order'd that Pag^{s} 2000 be paid M^{r} Will^{m} Cawley Storekeep^{r} to defray charges of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Shipping.

P : 2000 be sent to Conimere & Factr provisions.

They writeing from Conimere of their want of money to carry on their Invest ment, It is order'd that 2000 Pag^{s} be sent them and some factors Provisions, and fourty baggs of wheat, they also advise y^{t} they have there and at Porto Novo some bales in readyness, which they want a conveyance for, Tis orderd that the Dyamond ffriggot be sent thither for them.

Broad cloth ord not to be sold under 18 pa

There being a great quantity of Broad cloth now brought from Bengall, with large remaines before, most of which being damaged and the rest in danger of the like, The Warehousekeep^{r} adviseing y^{e} Councill that a Countrey Merchant offerd to buy a ℔ cell of them but will not be brought to a greater price then 19 Pag^{s} the half peice, notwithstanding in our late contract we had put off to our Merchants at 22 Pag^{s} a peice by much perswasions, which they have since sold at 16 Pag^{s} : The Warehousekeep^{r} is therefore orderd for Prevention of further Damages, to putt off what Broad cloth he can possibly but not under 18 Pa : the half Peice.

News from Carwar.

Rec^{d} last night from M^{r} Uphill &c^{a} at Carrwar y^{e} Coppy of the Generalls letter at Bombay to them adviseing of the continued troubles at Surrat and that y^{e} great hopes of an accomodation wth the Mogull have prov'd ineffectuall, so y^{t} they are resolved to renew the Warr more severely then formerly, but has given us no orders or directions for our management here, w^{ch} we have long waited and expected from them, nor will the season now permitt our assisting them.

Francis Hopkins be pardond.

The two condemned Persons one of whom being a young man, forced or drawn in that bad Company in India, being a Prentice servant was commanded by his Master thereto, the sentence falling upon him by the lott of dye, and being the generall opinion of y^{e} Coart Martiall that he was the least Criminall of all and considering that Justice inclines to mercy, Tis agreed & orderd y^{t} according to His Majesties Chart^{r} granted to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} & from them derived to us, that Francis Hopkins have a pardon for his life but y^{t} he receives a punishm^{t} as the rest did, to be whipt and after be branded aboard the Princess, and that y^{e} other offender be repreived till wednesday next, y^{n} to be executed aboard the Defence according to sentence of said Coart & their execution warrant to the Provost Martiall.

for ye greatr expedition Ship Madda-pollam to unlade ye Defence.

For the greater expedition & dispatching of our Shipping, M^{r} William Cawley, Storekeep^{r} is order'd to send Ship Maddapollam ab^{d} the Defence to unlade the Sea Coales from her and give her and y^{e} Resolution all possible assistance for their dispatch.

Cap^{t} Heath and Cap^{t} Haddock haveing had their Pursers taken Pris[o]ners in Bengall and still in Confinem^{t} there, desire that two of the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Servants may be spared them for the tearme of the Voyage viz. M^{r} Chadwick and M^{r} Bowridge. Tis therefore thought fitt to grant their requests, but that their Sallarys and all allowances sease from the 25th March till their arrivall here againe, then to be re-admitted into their Hon^{rs} Service.

Mr Willcox dischargd ye R^{t} Honble : Comp^{a} : Service.

M^{r} Francis Willcox haveing served his covenanted time with the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} rêquest to be discharged their service to goe to China, which is accordingly granted him, which being also M^{r} Goughs request, in consideration of his being serviceable to the owners of Ship James in her Voyage to China, w^{ch} the Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} recommended to our kind assistance.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO : WAVELL.
JN^{O} : CHENEY.
WILL : FRASER.
W^{M} : CAWLEY.
THO : GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

19 Rec^{d} a Gen^{ll} from Vizagapatam dated the ℔^{mo} Instant.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, APRILL 1689*—— [21ST]

Sr John Biggs Judge Advocate, of the Court of Admiralty dyed this morning of a feavor, Leaving by Will his two Sonns his Executors and Mr Henry Alford & Mr Edward Treadcroft his Overseers. 21 Sr John Biggs dye'd.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

EL[I]HU YALE [ESQR] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR	
MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR THOMAS WAVELL
CAPT: WILLM: HEATH	CAPT:
MR JOHN CHENEY	MR WILLM FRASER
MR WILLM CAWLEY	MR THOMAS GRAY.

MUNDAY 22.

Mr Thomas Gray haveing considerd the proposall of his goeing Cheif Supra Cargoe to China on Ship Defence and finding his occasions will not dispence with his goeing now, so desires also to be excused. Mr Gray desires to be excused going to China.

Sr John Biggs deceasing yesterday His Majtys Charter was perused, wherein wee find the Judge Advocate of the Coart of Admiralty is from time to time soly appointed by the Honble Compa soe that we have noe Authority by the Charter or any other from the Rt Honble Compa : to elect or authorize a Judge Advocate they haveing hitherto acted by the Compas Commission besides there is no Person duly quallified for yt charge, Tis therefore order'd that all actions doe sease in yt Coart till further orders from the Rt Honble Compa and that the Mayors Coart do decide the differences that were depending in the other, and that a Recorder be also chosen in Sr John Bigg's place. His Maje Charter perused. No Authority to elect a Judge Advocat. orderd all actions do cease in yt Coart. Mayr Coart do decide all causes, yt were depending in ye other. A Recordr be chosen in Sr Jno Bigg's place.

Leivtenant Zouch Troughton haveing very much misdemean'd himself in severall private injuries and affronts to his Superiours, which are not requisite to be here mentiond, It is therefore orderd that he be discharged of his Commission, and all Millatary authority, and that before he be released of his Confinement he do give in 1000 Pags bond wth Security to the Rt Honble Compa for his future good behaviour, & that his Company be devided to the three other Compas to lessen the charge of the Officers. Zouch Troughton be dismist of his Commiss : To give 1000 P bond for his better behaviour.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
WM: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Deliverd Capt Stephen Ashby Commandr of Shipp Williamson his dispatch for the West Coast of Sumatra the pacquett to the Rt Honble Compa and the bagg of Particular letters. 22. Deld: Capt: Step: Asby's dispatch.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR	
MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR THOMAS WAVELL
CAPT:	CAPT: JOS: HADDOCK
MR JOHN CHENEY	MR WILLM: FRASER
MR WILLM: CAWLEY	MR THO: GRAY.

WEDNESDAY. 24.

[24TH] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, APRILL 1689*——

Timothy Lehaun the Criminall Pyrat that was condemned by the Coart Martiall to be executed ab[d] the Defence, and the other to be punished and branded according to order, were by the Provost Martiall Tilman Holt taken from Prison and carryed w[th] a gaurd in a Masula aboard the said Ship Defence to receive the punishment according to sentence, but contrary to expectation and surprize, the s[d] martiall re[t]urnd ashoar with the Prisoner acquainting us that according to order of the President & Councill and the Coart, that he had bin with the Prisoner abo[d] Ship Defence to have executed the sentence, but y[t] the officer of said Ship denyed him to bring those Prisoners aboard notwithstanding he had shewed his Execution Warrant, telling him that His Commander, was aboard the Williamson, that he must goe to Him for an order, w[ch] the Martiall did accordingly, and shewe-ing him the said Warrant desired his order aboard that he might execute Him, which he refused telling him as he had none of the live men, he would have none of the dead, tho the Executioner fell to him by Lott as well as order, he also said that the President told him, that the Prisoner should be executed ab[d] the Resolution, which disobedience being a great and unheard of contempt against the authority and Government of the place and may occasion Mutinyes and Rebellion in the Garrison at least our orders to be slited and neglected. Tis therefore agreed and orderd that Cap[t] William Heath be sent for ashoar, as well to answer that offence as Cap[t] De la Roach's Complaint of his entring & plundering his ship after a legall delivery of her to His Possession, for the use and service of the King of France, by order of the Coart of Admiralty.

Officers aboard ye Defence denyd executeing ye condemned Pyrat abd their ship.

The order to Cap[t] Heath (is enterd next after this Consultation).

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN[O]: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W[M]: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec[ry].

Order to Capt Heath.

To CAP[T] WILLIAM HEATH,
COMMAND[R] OF SHIP DEFENCE.

You haveing contrary to your Duty and obligation by Charterparty, perremptorily disobey'd and contemned, the orders of the Presidents & Councill and Judgement and Sentence of the Coart Martiall for the Execution of a malefactor Pyrat aboard your ship returning the said Prisoner ashoar to y[e] great affront and dishonour of his Majesties Royall Chart[r] to His R[t] Hon[ble] English East India Company and the contempt of theires and our Government which ill Example will certainly be of bad consequence and great prejudice to the Garrison.

Wee have also a Complaint against you from y[e] french Cap[t] Mons[r] de la Roach, that after y[e] delivery of the Mergee ffriggot to Him and his officers for the use and possession of the King of France by Judge [m[t]] and order of the Coart of Admiralty, legally executed by the officers of said Coart, which tis charged upon you; that yesterday you forceably enter'd & plunderd the said Ship of severall stores deliverd up w[th] Her for the said Kings Service, These are therefore to require and Command you upon sight hereof to come ashoar to answer for your said illegall and contemptuous offences before us the President and Councill or a Coart Martiall, Dated in Fort S[t] Georg[e] this 24[th] of Aprill Anno Dom̃: 1689.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
JOSEPH HADDOCK.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.
THOMAS GRAY.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, APRILL 1689*—— [25TH]

Soon after the signing the foregoeing order Cap^{t} Heath sent a letter to the President, wherein he acknowledges both the said offences layd to His charge, He was orderd to be Summond tomorrow morning to answer before the President and Councill & to be there determined.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 25.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^{R} JOHN LITTLETON — M^{R} THOM^{S} WAVELL
CAP^{T} JOSEPH HADDOCK — M^{R} JOHN CHENEY
M^{R} WILL^{M} FRASER — M^{R} WILLIAM CAWLEY
M^{R} THOMAS GRAY.

Upon Examination and Debate on Cap^{t} William Heaths late miscarriages in his disobedience to the orders of the Governm^{t} and Coart and other irregular and unwarrantable actions aboard y^{e} french ship, Tis unanimously agreed and orderd that Cap^{t} William Heath be fined two hundred Pag^{s} for his said offences to be equally devided to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} and Corporation and that the execution of the Condemned man be made tomorrow morning aboard his ship Defence according to the late Sentence and Coart warrant to the provost Martiall, and that the Captaine be aboard to warne his people from the Prisoners crimes and see him rightly executed. Capt Heath fined 200 P.

And for his offence on board the french ship, Tis orderd that he make due satisfaction to Cap^{t} De la Roach, in returning aboard the Mergee ffriggot by his own boat and men, all such stores and other particulars, that he forceably took out of her, and that he also excuse his rash fault to the french Captaine and compose the difference.

ELIHU YALE. — WILL : FRASER.
JOHN LITTLETON. — W^{M} : CAWLEY.
THO : WAVELL. — THO : GRAY.
JN^{O} : CHENEY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

TO ALL ENGLISH MEN OR OTHER EUROPEANS
Y^{T} DESIRE TO SERVE THE R^{T} HON^{BLE} COMP^{A}
IN THEIR GARRISON, OF FORT S^{T} GEORGE. Genll Pardon.

Gentlemen

Although some of You may have done amiss in deserting your Coulors and the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} service you were obliged to, or may have otherwise offended our Lawes, but hearing of your repentence and sorrow for your faults, and inclinations to returne to your dutyes, these are therefore not only to desire and invite you thereto, but also to assure y^{o} all of a full and free Pardon for your severall offences, which we hereby give and confirme by the authority, His Maj^{ty} our Gracious King of England &c^{a} has by his Royall Charter given to His R^{t} Hon^{ble} East India Comp^{a} and from them derived to us their President & Council of Fort S^{t} George, and that upon your arrivall each of you shall be entertained here in their Service according to your severall Capacities at the accustomed Pay as others in the same places doe now receive, with all other encouragements your services shall deserve which we hope will encourage you to returne chearfully to your dutyes, and not to continue in the service of Infidells where you are unsecure in your lives and Liberties & undoubtedly want that Comfort and Contentment you may enjoy here with your freinds and Countreymen which wee againe hereby oblige ourselves shall be to our power, Given under our Hands and the Right Hon^{ble} Companyes Seale at ffort S^{t} George in the Citty of Madrass this 26 : of Aprill Anno Dom^{i} : 1689.

ELIHU YALE. — WILLIAM FRASER.
JN^{O} : LITTLETON. — WILLIAM CAWLEY.
THO^{S} : WAVELL. — THOMAS GRAY.
JOHN CHENEY.

[25TH] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, APRILL 1689*——

Pardon to Charles Hopkins.

Coppy of a Pardon granted Charles Hopkins.

Whereas you Charles Hopkins have by evidence & lott the 12th Instant being justly condemned by a Coart Martiall to suffer death for your great & horrid Crime of Piracy, notwthstanding which we being inclin'd to mercy from the scence of your true repentance & hope of your future Reformation, Wee doe by ye authority His gracious Majesty the King of England has granted by his Charter to his Rt Honble East India Compa & from them derived to us, their President & Councill of Fort St George, doe hereby, remitt and Pardon you from ye sd sentence & execution of death for your sd crime of Pyracy and that you now only suffer the punishment orderd to be inflicted upon you, which we hope will terrifie others and warn you from the like crime for the future which the Allmighty grant, given under our hands and the Rt Honble Compa Seale at Fort St: George in the Citty of Madrass this 26: of Aprill Anno Dom̃: 1689.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.
THOMAS GRAY.

Coppy of an order yt none shall trust above 2 Pags:

Coppy of an Order, that none shall trust either Soldiers or Seamen for more then two Pags.

In Consideration of the many great injuries & prejudiceing the Garrison and Shipping have and do suffer by soldiers and seamens running into debt at punch Houses, and otherwise, for unnecessary & extravagant expences and charges, not only to the ruine of them and their ffamil[i]es, but often occasions their flying from their Coulors and duties to the services of forreigners & Infidells to the weakning, and impoverishing the Garrison and Shipps, to Prevent which for the future, These are therefore to publish, declare and forbid all persons whatever either publick or private Inhabitants of this Garrison and Citty of Madrass not to trust any Soldier or Seamen for more then two Pagodas, and whoever exceeds that, it shall be at their own perrill, declareing they shall have noe benefitt of the Lawes or Justice, nor any such debter be thereby compell'd to pay more then two Pags: whatever their debt shall amount to, and this to be a standing Law to ye Citty, made and given under our Hands and the Rt Honble Compas Seale at Fort St: George in the Citty of Madrass this 26: of Aprill Anno Dom̃ 1689.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.
THOMAS GRAY.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 29.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN LITTLETON — MR THOMS WAVELL
CAPT WILLIAM HEATH — CAPT: JOS: HADDOCK
MR JOHN CHENEY — MR WILLM FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY — MR THO: GRAY.

Orderd goods & Treasure to be Carryd to Conimere.

They writeing from Conimere of their want of money & Europe goods, to compleat their contract wth their Merchts Tis orderd yt 4 Bales of Broad cloth Ordy & 5000 Pags be sent them on the Success Friggot to carry on & conclude this Investment.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, APRILL 1689*—— [29TH]

Since the Councill had desired to be excused their goeing to China, twas taken into consideration who of the Comp^as Serv^ts to send on the Defence to China & M^r Tho : Yale being next of degree & of good experience in those parts, he is orderd Cheif, M^r Makreeth Second M^r Mountague 3^d M^r Price & M^r Butterfeild Assis^tts. Mr Tho Yale &ca orderd for China.

Cap^t Jos : Haddock deliverd in a bill of charges for dietting the Hon^ble Comp^as Serv^ts aboard his Ship from Beng^ll wherein he charges 18 pence a head ℔ diem, w^ch being too much, twas thought fitt to allow but 15 pence & y^e Storekeep^r is orderd to examine y^e s^d acc^ts & discharge y^e same & take rec^ts for what he payes on that Acc^t. Capt Haddocks bill of Charge examined. order'd ye discharge thereof.

Order'd that Pag^s 1000 be paid M^r Cawley Storekeep^r to defray charges of the R^t Hon^ble Comp^as Shipping. P. 1000 be pd Mr Cawley.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO : WAVELL.
JN^O : CHENEY.
WILL : FRASER.
W^M : CAWLEY.
THO : GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR — THURSDAY 2.

M^R JOHN LITTLETON	M^R THOM^S WAVELL
CAP^T	CAP^T JOS : HADDOCK
M^R JOHN CHENEY	M^R WILL^M FRASER
M^R WILL^M CAWLEY	M^R

The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.

The severall letters to Bombay Callicut Ruttera Carwar and Vizagapatam were read and past, also a Generall to the Hon^ble : Comp^a : all adviseing the state of their Affaires in these Parts to this time. Letters to Bombay &ca. past.

The Imployment of Judge Advocate and Record^r being now vacant by S^r John Biggs's death and the Mayors Coart wanting a Recorder, being now likely to be very much prest with its own buisiness and y^t of the Coart of Admiraltyes, till a Judge Advocate shall arrive or be order'd by their Hon^rs for that Coart Till when, tis order'd that the Coart doe Elect a Recorder, or that one Alderman officiate that place alternately one month, till we can be supplied w^th a Lawyer to advise them in points of Law. a Recorder to be chosen or an Alderman to officiate yt place.

After long endeavours for the makeing stamps for the silver coynes, which yet being successless in & there being wanting of small money in town for the soldiers and Inhabitants, the fanams being engrost or lost, Tis therefore order'd that the Vallue of 5000 Pag^s in silver be coyn'd according te the former stamps made, and delivered out to the shroffs, soldiers and Housekeepers, and when better stamps can be had to recall these, but that the coynes now be solemnly Proclaimed. order P 5000 vallue be coynd into Silver fana according to former Stamps.

There being great complaints that the Comp^as & other Hilliards are not soe exact as they ought to be, tis therefore recommended to the Mayor and Aldermen to call them in and adjust them, and that all large wei^ts from 14, to 100£ do pay one fanam each for sealing.

And here being a want of Attorneys for the Mayors Coart, Tis orderd that the Attorneys of the Coart of Admiralty may have the Liberty of Pleading in that Coart, but that y^e fees be first regulated according to our former rules & not to exceed three Pag^s an action. The weights & Hilliards be adjusted.

[2ND] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1689*——

Mr Tho Gray order Capt. of ye Train bands ;

Capt Robt ffreeman being deceased & his place of Capt of the Train'd Bands Vacant, Tis orderd that Mr Tho: Gray be Commissiond thereto, and that he summons ye Compa & exercise them yt they may be in a posture & readyness against any trouble that may come upon us.

P 1000 be pd Mr. Cheney.

Order'd that Pags 1000 be paid Mr John Cheney Paymastr to defray charges Garrison.

Merchts requesting Broad cloth instead of ye Corrall. Thought fitt to grant.

The Merchts haveing not yet recd ye Corrall upon ye last Contract & desireing to have Broad cloth Ordy in lieu thereof wch: in consideration of the great quantity we have by us & much of it damag'd & the rest more lyable to decay yn Corrall, Tis therefore thought fitt and orderd to grant them their Request therin & the Warehousekeepr is orderd to compute and deliver the same.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
WM: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

MONDAY 6

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE Esqr PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMS WAVELL
CAPT WILLM HEATH CAPT
MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILLM FRASER
MR WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMS GRAY.

The Presidents Acct Cash read.

The President read his Cash Acct for the month of Aprill which was past in Councill the ballance examined amounting to Pags 25988 : 14 : 2.

Mr John Littleton Acct read.

Mr John Littleton, read his Warehouse book of Accts for the month of March, which was past in Councill.

Mr Grays Accts read.

Mr Thomas Gray read his books of Accts of the Land Customes and mintage duties for ye month of Aprill, which was past in Councill.

A parcell of armes orderd to be bought.

There being a great want of armes in this garrison and Capt Weltden haveing about 45 fusees, Tis order'd that they be bought for the Rt Honble Compas use, his lowest price being Pags 4¼ each.

Mr Littleton & Mr Cawly orderd to examine ye Bengall Accts.

Mr John Littleton and Mr William Cawley are orderd to joine with the Agent &ca of Bengall, and examine and settle Capt Heaths &ca Bengall accts & expences, that we may make a conclusion therein & clear their severall bills and Demands.

Orderd 20 Portuguez be entertaind in the Gunroom.

Orderd that twenty Portuguez be entertained in the Gunners crew, also six fitting English Soldiers be drawn out of each Company for that Service, there being great want of them for the many Gunns Points and Bulworks, in the Garrison.

600 pigs be traverst Abd ye Defence from ye Resolution.

Capt William Heath wanting Ballast for his ship on his designd Voyage, Tis orderd for ye greater Expedition, that the Warehousekeeper doe traverse six hundred Piggs of Lead aboard the Defence from ye Resolution and twenty Candy of Tinn from ashoar.

Paymastr &ca orderd to repair ye Garrison walls &ca

The Paymaster and Storekeepr again orderd to repair and fitt the Garrison walls and supply other defects necessary, that may tend to the defence of the place against our Enimies; who as we are advised intend to assault us suddainly, but they often talk & threaten more then they Intend.

[6TH]

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1689*——

Orderd that Pag^{s} 1000 be deliverd M^{r} Jn^{o} Cheney Paymaster, to defray the Garrison charges. P 1000 be pd Mr Cheney.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^{O}: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W^{M}: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}. THURSDAY 10.

Noe Consultation.

Generall to Conimere approved and signed, ordering up all the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} Bales, wth all Expedition, least the troubles in those parts (which haveing advice of that they are comeing on) should occasion their stopping them. Generall to Conimere.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^{R} JOHN LITTLETON M^{R} THOMAS WAVELL
CAP^{T} WILL^{M} HEATH CAP^{T} JOSEP: HADDOCK
M^{R} JOHN CHENEY M^{R} WILL^{M}: FRASER
M^{R} WILL^{M} CAWLEY M^{R} THOM^{S} GRAY.

MUNDAY 13.

The french news from Surrat, and the Callicutt Gener^{ll} were perused and considerd of and orderd to be remitted home to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} the first oppertunity, wth the Rest we shall receive upon that unhappy subject. The french news from Surrat ℔used. orderd to be sent home.

For the early dispatching of the new Defence for China, It is orderd that she be unladen with all expedition, and that most of the Masulas be orderd thereto, also that the shipps boats and sloops doe give their assistance therein, and after many considerations and Debates what Factors to send for dispose of the Stock, resolved that M^{r} Thom^{s} Yale goe Cheif, M^{r} John Heynes Second, M^{r} Thomas Makreeth third, and M^{r} Mountague fourth M^{r} Price and M^{r} Butterfeild Assistants, y^{e} four first to be of Councill who are to consult togeather in all affaires of moment and act by majority of Voates as ℔ Instructions given them and that two of them be sent to Persia to mannage the buisiness there in case of mortallity, haveing advice of Agent Shaxton's death, the other four to returne from Malacca hither. Defence orderd to be unladen wth all expedit.

The Warehousekeep^{r} and Storekeep^{r} are also orderd to hasten the unladeing the Resolution that she may proceed as orderd to the West Coast, and that the rest of the Vessells be fitted to be disposed on such Voyages and occasions as may happen for y^{m} and since there is such a great want of Masulaes, here the Warehousekeep^{r} is orderd for the greater expedition, to hire some of the Country boats to receive their Ladeing. Orderd to unlade ye Resolution.

The Warehousekeep^{r} acquainting the Councill of some Merch^{ts} that offer to buy a quantity of Lead, but will not give more then 9 Pag^{a} ℔ Candy, which tho less then usuall yet we haveing great quantitys by us it is order'd to sell and deliver out as much as they have occasion for at the aforesaid price. Lead to be sold at 9 P ℔ Ca.

Also that the Ship Recovery be freed wth all possible speed and deliverd to M^{r} Daniel Chardin he being soe much dissatisfied with his bargaine, that he seems desireous to be freed from it. Ship Recovery be freed & deliverd to Mr Chardin.

Wee have endeavourd what possibly we could for an Advantagious freight for the Saphir Friggot but none being procureable worth her time and charge, Tis resolved the sending her to Atchein on the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} acc^{t} with oyle butter &c^{a} Bengall stores, they not being vendible here, being much decay'd alsoe other goods procureable upon freight at 10 ℔ Cent Course and 8 ℔ Cent Fine. Resolved ye Saphir frigt for Atchein on ye Com^{n} Acct. Goods to pay 10 & 8 ℔ Ct freight course & fine.

[13TH] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1689*——

Silver Coynes to be Proclaimed.

Orderd that the silver coynes be solemnly Proclaimed by beat of drum and other accustomary Ceremonyes and to pass currant at 36 : the Pag° as by the following order to be publickly read and putt up on the Garrison and Citty gates.

Capt Heaths bill of Charge.

Capt Will[m] Heath deliverd in a bill of charges for dyetting the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] servants and soldiers upon his ship from the bay hither amounting to £124 : 4 : which the Acco[m]ptant and Paymast[r] are orderd to examine and report to the Councill the state thereon before it be Paid.

Orderd to be examined & report ye same.

Mr Holcomb order 2d Searcher.

The Searchers office of the Customes requireing more Assistance for the buisiness, and there being noe other employment at present for M[r] Holcomb, Tis orderd that he be appointed Second Searcher and that the fees of that place be equally devided betwixt M[r] Swynoke and Him, M[r] Swynoke being indisposed that he cannot attend it so well as he ought.

Mr Barron orderd to Porto Novo.

M[r] Edw[d] Barron being returned from the Mogul[ls] Camp upon rec[t] of our Pardon and promise of continueing his Employment, Tis therefore orderd that he goe to Porto Novo to command the Soldiers there as Ensigne.

The Command[rs] and Commissiond Officers haveing according to order survey'd the garrison & examined the stores, and Ammunition reported the defects and wants of them, w[ch] the Paymast[r] and Storekeep[r] are orderd to repair and supply w[th] all expedition.

Paymas[r] to pay off ye Surgeons bill.

The Paymaster is orderd to pay off the Surgeons bill, for medicines bought out of the Bazar for the last four months.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO : WAVELL.
JN° : CHENEY.
WILL : FRASER.
W[M] : CAWLEY.
THO : GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec[ry].

Proclamation for ye Silver Coynes.

Proclamation For the silver coynes.
By order of the R[tt] Hon[ble] Company.

There being great want of small money for exchange as well for Traffique as other necessary occasions of Families for the buying Provisions &c[a] expences, [t]he Gold fanams being scarce and dear, either by Loss Transporting or engrosseing them, they being also very inconvenient by their smallness and often lost or counterfeited to the great Prejudice of the Inhabit[ts] To prevent which inconveniencyes for the future, The Governour and Councill have contrived & orderd severall silver coynes to be made and to pass currantly throughout the Garrison and Citty without any denyall exception or alteration at thirty six fanams to the Pagoda both in receipt or Payment upon Penalty of forfeiting five Pag[s] for each contempt or refuseall. The said money being calculated and made at a just and a reasonable rates being of Dollers or English standard finess, and at twenty five fanams the ounce, coyn'd into two fanams, one fanam, and half fanam peices of equall weights and finess and tis hereby proclaimed death by our Law to clipp counterfeit or debase the same Made and given at Fort S[t] George in the Citty of Madras this 15 of May Anno Dom[i] 1689.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOM[S] WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILL[M] CAWLEY.
THOMAS GRAY.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1689*—— [15TH]

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNESDAY 15.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMS WAVELL.
CAPT WILLM HEATH CAPT JOSEPH HADDOCK
MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILLM FRASER
MR WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMS GRAY.

Capt Willm Tuer, upon Sloop Princess arriveing yesterday from Bombay with the unhappy news of the Siddies landing his forces wth 5000 men, plundering and destroying the Town, and taken severall out Bulworks and reduced the fort to such a bad condition, yt they were forc't to shipp off their treasure goods and necessaryes for safety, haveing as they write but little hopes of keeping the Fort without some considerable succour from their neighbours, and since it cannot be supposed but that those troubles will effect ys place also and that we cannot be much longer free from a Seige or assault, which they have often threatned us with, Twas therefore absolutely necessary for the safety of the place and the Rt Honble Compas concerns resolved to encrease our Garrison forces, both in Soldiers, Canoneers and Ammunition Stores & provisions, and for the present have resolved upon the following settlement of the Garrison Forces into four Compas half each day to mount ye Garrison & out gaurds Vizt.

Raised ye Garrison forces.

4	1
Capt JAMES BETT.	FRANS SEATON Capt Leivtent Comdr of the Granodeers 80 : one ½ each day to mount ye fort gaurd.
Leivt HENRY SEEMAN.	ALEXANR WOODALL Ensg.
JAMES HINTCHMAN Ensg.	WILLM BOWDLER writr at ½ Pay Ensg.
4 Sergeants.	6 Sergeants.
4 Corporalls.	6 Corporalls.
Soldiers.	Armerer & powderman.
2	3
JOHN HILL Leivt ½ Pay.	HENRY SINCLAR Leivt.
JOHN CROOKSHANKS Ensf.	REAY ENSIGNE.
4 Sergeants.	4 Sergeants.
4 Corporalls.	4 Corporalls.
Sentinells.	Sentinalls.

Orders for ye Millitia.

The Compa of the Granodee[r]s consisting of 80 Soldiers, the half of them each day to mount the fort gaurd, and the half of the other three Companies to be each day upon duty. Vizt one whole Company to be Posted to ye severall gates and Bulwarks, of the Garrison, ye Mainegaurd to be at the Chowltry Gate and that the other half Compa be devided to the out Towne gaurds the Cheife whereof to be at the North Gate.

Armes ordered to be bought.

And there being great want of Armes for the Rtt Honble Compas Servants, who are now formed into a Company under Capt Thomas Gray and exercise weekly, and there offering a parcell belonging to the owners of shipp Rebecca for sale the Stor[e]keeper is orderd to buy them as cheap as he cann gett them but not to exceed 3½ Pags a peice.

Upon ye Sad News from Bombay. twas debated whether to send ye Defence & Saphr to China & Atchien.

And although the Defence and Saphir were orderd for China and Atchein yet the late sad news of the dangerous troubles at Bombay putt us upon new considerations and measures, Twas therefore discourst and left to the Councills considerations, whether we should send them upon their intended Voyages or continue them and the provisions here for the security of the Place at least to deferr their sending some time, till we hear further news of the Condition of Bombay.

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[15TH] Steward orderd to make provision for ye Garrison.

The Steward is also order'd to procure whatt Provisions he cann, both of salted flesh and fish and live Cattle for the maintenance of the place in case of a seige, also arrack wood and water to be stored up.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO : WAVELL.
JN° : CHENEY.
WILL : FRASER.
W^M : CAWLEY.
THO : GRAY.

16 WILLIAM I'ROBY Sec^ry.

16 Ship Delight arrived from Callicut. News from Bombay.

Shipp Delight Robert Turlington Master arriveing this morning from Callicut brought a Generall from the Cheif &c^a : there dated the 20 : of last month adviseing of the Generalls good success in killing about three hundred of the Siddies men with the loss of not above eight of our men, which made them retire, and come to a treaty, but nothing was concluded therein at that time but great hopes of an accomodation.

16 Chinna Vencatadry Cheif Meroht dy'd.

Chinna Vencatadry the R^t Hon^ble Company's Cheif Merchant dyed of a tedious dropsicall distemper and in respect to his quallity was honoured w^th y^e usuall respect of gunns on such occasions at the fireing his funerall Pile.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

SATURDAY 18.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR	
M^R JOHN LITTLETON	M^R THOM^S WAVELL
CAP^T WILL^M HEATH	CAP^T JOS : HADDOCK
M^R JOHN CHENEY	M^R WILL^M : FRASER
M^R WILL^M CAWLEY	M^R

News from Conimere.

Receiveing a letter from the Cheif and Councill at Conimere adviseing that Vittalepillee is come to pay them a visitt w^th 500 horse and foott beleived to be design'd to borrow money or gett a Present, he haveing not rec^d the accustomary Piscash this two years past, Tis therefore referred to them to agree with him as well as they can, but that they be as frugall therein as y^e necessity of the case will admitt of.

The buisiness of keeping Cap^t Heath for the defence of the place was again considered and debated but noething resolved therein, being deferred till next Consultation day in hopes of better news from Bombay.

Capt Spencer entertaind Gunner for ye outworks.

Our danger being greater and our gunns and Bulworks much more then formerly, twas thought necessary to entertaine another gunner for the out works which Imployment, we have prevailed w^th Cap^t Spencer to undertake at 10 Pag^s a month, hee being a person wee esteeme able and fitt for it.

Arrack to be bought for Stores at 16 pa. ℔ Butt.

Here being a parcell of arrack arrived from Goa which will be very much wanted for the garrison. The Storekeep^r is ordered to buy and lay up such a quantity as we have convenient room for, but not to exceed the Price of 16 pag^s the butt.

Cap^t Heath haveing submissively acknowledgd his late Errour and desireing a mitigation of the fine putt upon him, which upon consideration that he hath observed the rest of our orders & promiseing a better complyance for the future, The Councill thought fitt to release one half of his 200 Pag^s fine, ordering him now to Pay but 50 to the Hon^ble Comp^a and 50 to the Corporation.

100 Pags fine taken off of Capt Heath.

The President &c^a upon y^e new modelling and settlement of the Garrison and Officers to encourage their care and dilligence, thought fitt to present each of

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them with Broad cloth for a coat, which the warehousekeep^{r} is order'd to deliver to them.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO : WAVELL.
JN^{O} : CHENEY.
WILL : FRASER.
W^{M} : CAWLEY.
THO : GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

ATT A CONSULTATION

MUNDAY 20

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^{R} JOHN LITTLETON M^{R} THOM^{S} WAVELL
CAP^{T} WILL^{M} HEATH CAP^{T} JOS : HADDOCK
M^{R} JOHN CHENEY M^{R} WILL^{M} FRASER
M^{R} WILL^{M} CAWLEY M^{R} THOM^{S} GRAY.

Mr. Wavells Acct read.

M^{R} Thomas Wavell read his book of Acc^{ts} of the Sea Customes for the month of Aprill which was past in Councill Viz^{t}. [*hiatus in the original.*]

Orderd a declaration to be made agst ye Jewes for keeping the Princess longer yn her contracted time.

Haveing complied wth our agreement in the fitting out Ship Princess of Denmark for China to saile hence the first Instant, at which time she was in a readiness to have follow'd their orders, but contrary to our expectation she still continues here, and the season growing late, may endanger her Passage thither, Tis therefore thought fitt to make a declaration against their delayes, (as is enterd next after this Consultation) to indemnifye the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} and us from future accidents and prejudice, that may accrue thereon.

The sending ye Defence to China debated.

The Sending of Ship Defence to China was againe debated, but deferrd till next Consultation to give our resolves thereon, in hopes of better news by that time from Bombay.

Mr. Heins & Watson petiog to be satisfied, for Rack sold ye Compa. Orderd wt is to ym be paid.

M^{r} Heynes and M^{r} Wattson giveing a Petition to be satisfied for some arrack sold the Agent and Councill of Bengall for the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} use there which afterward was by the Warrs & other accidents burnt, so deferrd the payment thereof, which upon examination was found that they had agreed in Consultation for the buying of 354 maund, 250 whereof were deliverd and paid for, Tis thought reasonable and orderd that the remaynder be also paid for to the severall Demanders in proportion to their agreement.

Orderd that the Warehousekeeper doe deliver one Chest of Silver to the Mintmaster to be coyned into fanams &c^{a} new coynes, those already made being insufficient.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO : WAVELL.
JN^{O} CHENEY.
WILL : FRASER.
W^{M} CAWLEY.
THO : GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

Declaration against Mr Rodrigoes.

Coppy of a Declaration sent to M^{r} Barth : Rodriguez & Comp^{a} concerning the Princess of Denmark.

To M^{r} BARTHOL : RODRIGOES AND COMPANY.

Wee haveing according to our Contract and agreement comply'd in the prepareing & fitting Shipp Princess of Denmark, Cap^{t} Joseph Haddock Command^{r} to be in a readiness to Saile for her Voyage to China the first Instant, when she was ready to have follow'd your orders therein, & we expected you would have accordingly dispatch't her, but for what reasons we know not she still continues

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in the road, and so late in the year as may endanger the loss of her Passage to China. These are therefore in behalf of the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ to declare against your said delayes, wee being noe wayes the occasion thereof, haveing duely ℔ formed our engagements therein, and therefore all future accidents & disappointments of this Voyage must be imputed to the late detention of her here, so that we expect & require that you will indemnifie the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Company and us from all Prejudice therein and duely ℔ form the said Contract with them. Dated in ffort S^t^. George in the Citty of Madrass this 20^th^ May 1689.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.
THOMAS GRAY.

22 News from Bombay. By a shipp arrived this day at S^t^. Thoma from Goa rec^d^ a confirmation of the late news from Callicut of the Generalls good Success at Bombay of his resolute defence of [their] Enimies to the destruction of a considerable number of them, and the rest to retreat.

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Present

THURSDAY 23.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^R^ JOHN LITTLETON M^R^ THOM^S^ WAVELL
CAP^T^ WILL^M^ HEATH CAP^T^ JOS: HADDOCK
M^R^ JOHN CHENEY M^R^ WILL FRASER
M^R^ WILL^M^ CAWLEY M^R^ THOMAS GRAY.

The news received yesterday by a Porteguez Shipp from Goa, that Bombay continues so resolute a defence against their Enimies to the distruction of a considerable number and the rest retyre and offer a cessation of armes, but this being no later news then we rec^d^ from Callicut we suppose it the same and makes little alteration in our debate about the Defences goeing to China, but this day receiving news from Pullicherry by a french Ship lately arrived there from France, that there is great Probability of a warr betwixt England and Holland and that the Dutch had taken two of our Shipps in Europe, which makes the Defence's Voyage more doubtfull and dangerous then formerly she being to Pass the Forces of Mallacca, but there being no advice or certaine news by any of our letters, wee deferr our resolutions till Munday next, however the Captaine is orderd to gett his ship in a readyness for saileing, which he has promised to do in six days time, for which the boats and all other assistance is orderd him.

The resolves on sending ye Defence to China deferd.

An Armerour be entertained. Cap^t^ Haddock haveing a spare Armerour the Garrison being greatly in want of one, 'Tis orderd that he doe discharge him from the Ship, and the Paymaster doe spare him another in exchange.

M^r^ Thomas Gray and M^r^ Hen^y^ Mose being appointed by the late Coart of Admiralty to devide the condemnd Estate of an insolvent Debtor one John Poise, Inhabitant of this Place, which Acc^t^ and Dividend being produced in Councill, Wee doe approve y^e^ same and order that they Pay each Creditor their Respective Shaires.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^O^ : CHENEY.
WILL : FRASER.
W^M^ : CAWLEY.
THO : GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry^.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M[R] JOHN LITTLETON M[R] THOMAS WAVELL
M[R] WILL[M] HEATH CAP[T] JO[S]: HADDOCK
M[R] JOHN CHENEY M[R] WILLIAM FRASER
M[R] WILLIAM CAWLEY M[R] THOMAS GRAY.

M[r] Thomas Wavell Warehousekeep[r] is orderd to deliver two chests of Copper to the Mintmast[r] to be coyn'd into Cash, being much wanted in towne. Mr Wavell orderd to deliver 2 Chest Copper to be coynd into Cash.

Since the sad newes from Bombay and the french reports of a warr with Holland, both which may bring this place into great danger or necessity severall of the Councill were dissatisfied at the defence's proceeding for China, and many of the subscribers to that Voyage recalling their subscriptions, which has occasion'd severall debates on that affair, but the lateness of the season requireing our resolutions therein, and it being a buisiness of great consequence, to alter our res[o]lves we had advised the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a]: off, the President therefore after duely stateing and representing the matter in all its Circumstances, proposed and desired for the fairer and fuller dicission and satisfaction therein, that the Councill being now all mett would severally give in their opinions and reasons about the Shipp's proceedings to China or not, which each person drew up and deliverd the Secretary as followeth Viz[t].

I am apprehensive of noe suddaine danger that threatens this Place or the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] concernes haveing hitherto a freindly correspondence with the Government, besides we cannot be long without ships either from Europe, Persia, Surrat or the West Coast and therefore noe necessity of keeping the Defence here for a gaurd. It may also be a great disappointment to the Hon[ble] Comp[a] to alter her Voyage, after we have advised them of it, Tis therefore my opinion that she goe to China as designed, which will employ her time and stock, to compensate the charge of her demorage. The President & Councills opinion & resolves about ye dispose of ship defence.

ELIHU YALE.

The reason why I am not for Cap[t] Heaths going for China is Viz[t] Bombay being under great troubles that in all probability, it cannot long withstand y[e] Enimy therefore it is necessary that one Europe Shipp bee in this road to secure the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Estate.

THOMAS WAVELL.

For the Ship Defence's goeing for China, I think it very requisite, for that advice is given by the Williamson to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] which cannot be recalled, and for my own part haveing subscribed to near $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the stock design'd upon said Shipp, in case the Hon[ble] Company disapprove thereof, and accordingly have orderd Insurances to be made in England, also doe beleive, the said ship to be little serviceable upon the Coast.

WILLIAM HEATH.

If the affaires at Bombay proves unsuccessfull the ships that are there, will certainly retire to the Fort, so by their comeing, to our assistance, The Defence it is my opinion may be spared, to proceed on her Voyage to China.

JOS: HADOCK.

That she stay here untill hear from Bombay and not goe for China my reasons are.

1: The probability of Lost Bombay, the Mogull threatning it and us, and haveing made a great breach in the walls. 2[ly] The probability of a warr w[th] Holland and not unlikely a civill warr, which may hinder Shipps comeing out. 3[ly]

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No Ships of force or countenance to secure the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Estate and their servants in case should be forced off as undoubtedly shall, If God divert it not by the Mogulls death. 4^ly^ that o^r^ ships here are but weak & small, if occasion should force us to retire on board. 5^ly^ y^t^ if it be judged so necessary to send her then to keep the Resolution for the satisfaction of the Inhabitants & security of the Comp^as^ estate &c^a^.

JN^o^ CHENEY.

The Consideration of the great danger & many troubles under which the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ Labour under, as appears by late advices from Bombay & seems yet to be worse. 2^ly^ If there is (as already beleived) a breach w^th^ Holland. 3^ly^ It is not unlikely, but the advices from the Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ by the first ship now dayly expected may enorder us to continue and prosecute tho warr Vigorously against the Mogull, and that the Conduct thereof be committed and continued in the Person of Cap^t^ Heath: 4^ly^ The Mogulls lying not farr off us, threatning suddainly to assault this place & seeing we ought to preferr the keeping and maintaining of the Comp^as^ Estate and ffactories with all the forces we cann by sea & land for these reasons & what more might be said, I incline and my opinion is that the Defence goe not to China, unless the Resolution stay here in the road, there being no other to goe for England next August or September if Peace in Europe.

WILLIAM FRASER.

I am not of the opinion that the Defence should goe for China and Persia for the following reasons viz. the likew^d^ of a warr w^th^ Holland, and the dangerous Condition Bombay is in and the orders the Mogull hath sent to Surratt to prosecute the warr against us in every part for to turne us quite out of his Dominions, soe consequent we must suddainly expect to be beseiged here, wherefore its of absolute necessity to keep a gaurd ship here for to ship off the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Estate, to preserve it, as likewise their servants, in case we are beaten out of the Fort, its but what the Generall observed to keep all the ships by him at Surrat, Bombay, for security and Defence.

WILLIAM CAWLEY.

The Defence to goe for China there being the prospect of an advantagious Voyage for the Company, and in my opinion noe necessity for her stay here, since in all Probability we may expect a ship or two suddainly from Europe or some other Part before any danger and her demorage too great for her keeping upon a frivilous Slight Pretence.

THO: GRAY.

Where the Majority of Voates being for her stay here, to secure the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ estate from the dangers may be expected. The Cap^t^ was accordingly orderd to desist his preparation for the China Voyage & to continue his ship here till further order.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^o^: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W^M^: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry^.

28. The Princess &ca sett saile for China. Shipps Princess of Denmark, Cap^t^: Jos: Haddock Com^d^: and the morning Starr, Armiger Gostlin Mast^r^ sett sail this morning for China.

29. Genll fro Surrat. Generall from Surrat dated the 16 of Aprill last, confirming former advices of their continued deplorable Condition there, under severe confinement.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOS WAVELL
CAPT WILLM HEATH MR JOHN CHENEY
MR WILLIAM FRASER MR WILLM CAWLEY
MR THOMAS GRAY.

THURSDAY. 30

Any of ye Councill have liberty to sell ye Compa Goods.

Tis herby orderd that any of the Councill may have the Liberty of dispose-ing any of the Rt Honble Companys goods to sale, provided he first acquaint the Councill with the price, and have their approvall thereof, and yn the Warehouse-keepr to deliver them according to agreemt also that when any damaged goods are sold by any, that the Warehousekeepr: and one more of the Councill or Assistants be present at the Valluation of such damages.

Mr. Wevels Accts read.

Mr Thomas Wavell, Warehousekeepr read his book of Accts for the month of May, which was past in Councill.

Capt Sharps Acct examined. to discharge ye same.

Capt Sharp's Acct of charges for dyetting the Soldiers from Bengall, being ꝑused, by the accomptant & Paymaster, the Storekeeper is orderd to discharge the sd bill only deducting for one butt of arrack as it cost in Bengall,

Mr Constables request granted.

Thomas Constable being much afflicted with the Barbeer distemper which is very difficult to be cured here haveing successlessly tryed many experiments, desires leave to goe a Voyage to China, where he hopes to find some remedy to the recovery of his health and limbs, in consideration whereof tis thought fitt to grant him his request but that his sallary and all other allowances from the Rt Honble Compa doe cease till his returne from his Voyag[e].

Mr Holcomb aproynted. Searcher.

Mr John Hill being appointed Leivtenant, of one of the Garrison Compa and his imploy in the Receivers office at the Custome house being thereby Vacant Mr Swynock is orderd to take charge thereof, and Mr Symon Holcomb appointed Searcher in Mr Swynokes place, Mr John Butterfeild to be his Assistant, Mr Nath: Halsy Custome Warehousekeepr and that he keep the keyes thereof, with a dayly acct of what recd and deliverd & to be accomptable for what lost thence, in consideration of the fees allow'd him for it.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
WM: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

JUNE. 3

Mr John Nicks Cheif &ca of Conimere ffactory arriv'd here this day on the Dyamond ffriggot, from Porto Novo wth the Rt Honble Compas Bales.

ATT A CONSULTATION

MUNDAY. 3

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMS WAVELL
CAPT: WILLM HEATH MR
MR WILLIAM FRASER MR WILLIAM CAWLEY
MR THOMAS GRAY.

The whole Councill being duely Summond.

Sloop Ballasore orderd to be sold.

Sloop Ballasore being so very much decay'd yt twill not be worth the charge of repaireing her, & there being sufficient other sloops for our occasions, and

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Capt Hussey offering 88 Pags for her, Tis agreed that she be sold at that price she being surveyed by severall Masters vallued at 50 Pa.

Capt Spencer's Acct examined. orderd to allow ye same.

Capt John Spencer haveing deliverd in an Acct of disbursements &c^{a} expended on the Madrass ffriggot in his West Coast Voyage w^{ch} being duely examined by the accomp^{tt} & storekeep^{r}, twas agreed reasonable to allow of the same & the storekeep^{r} is accordingly orderd to pay y^{e} ball: of the said Acct only suspending the payment of 80 Doll for the 2 Slaves said to be sold the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} till we can be further satisfied from thence haveing no advice thereof.

Order'd that Pags 1000 be paid the Storekeep^{r} for disbursements on the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Shipping &c^{a}.

Stores and necessarys for ye Garrison orderd to be provided.

Capt Spencer gunner of the out works delivering in a list of sev^{ll} stores & necessarys much wanting in y^{e} Garrison w^{ch} the Paymast^{r} is orderd to provide or as many of them as he cann as soon as possible.

Dyamond to be unladen.

M^{r} Tho: Wavell Warehouskeep^{r} is orderd to unlade the Porto Novo & Conimere Bales on the Dyamond ffriggot with all expedition.

P 1000 be pd Mr Cheney.

Orderd that Pags 1000 be paid M^{r} John Cheney Paymast^{r} to defray the Garrison Charges.

Orderd that the allow'd Commission on the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} adventure on Ship James to China be paid according to their Hon^{rs} appointment, upon so much thereof as was Invested in China.

2000 Doller be pd Capt Sharp on Charter℔ty acct.

Cap^{t} William Sharp, Com^{d} of Ship Resolution, requireing the 2000 $: allow'd him in Charter℔ty: The Warehousekeep^{r} is orderd to pay it him accordingly takeing two receipts for the same.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^{O}: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W^{M}: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

4. Genl to Surrat.

Generall to Surratt of this date approved and signed adviseing them of the present occurrances in these parts.

Passes to Shipps Boa Vista and Jerusalam Mark, belonging to Cojee Abnuce and Don Theodorus de s^{t} Lucas.

THURSDAY 6.

Noe Consultation.

Success sett saile for Armagon.

The Success ffriggot sett saile for the Port of Armagon for a Ladeing of redd wood, which lyes there in readiness.

7. Saphyr sett saile for Porto Novo.

Saphir ffriggot, Cap^{t} Tho: Lacy Command^{r} sett sail for Porto Novo.

Advice from Porto Novo.

Letter from Porto Novo, adviseing of a small Dutch Vessells arrivall at Cape Comerin from Europe, w^{ch} haveing been but three months twelve dayes on her Passage, and brings news of a warr, with Holland and that the Dutch were makeing great preparations for the same.

8. Pass to Curtana.

Pass to the Curtana ffriggot, Cap^{t} Antony Weltden Commander, bound for China.

Three fugitives from Bombay arriveing here this day in A Porteguez Ship from Goa, were by the Presid^{ts} order secured and deliver'd up to the Mayor and Aldermen in order to their examination, which was accordingly done.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR — MUNDAY 10.
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMS WAVELL
CAPT MR JOHN CHENEY
MR WILLM FRASER MR WILLM CAWLEY
MR

The President read his Acct Cash for the month of May which was examined and past in Councill and the ballance amounting to . . . Pag 37338: 14: 2. — The President Cash read.

Mr John Cheney Paymastr his book of Accts for the month of Aprill was read and past in Councill Particulr Vizt. — Mr Cheney Accts read.

Charges Garrison	Pags	1279: 07: 3/16
Charges Generall	„	373: 19: 3/16
Charges Merchandize	„	75: 33: —
Charges Dyett	„	310: 33: 3/4
Acct ffortification & repaires	„	74: 33: 5/16
Acct Cattle	„	16: 24: 1/4
Ffactors Provisions	„	138: 14: 3/8
West Coast	„	469: 31: —
Acct Plate	„	231: 8: —
	Pags	2970: 24: 1/16

Captt William Tuer being by the Generall a[t] Surratt recommended to us to give a more Particular Acct of the troubles and Warr at Bombay, he accordingly deliver'd in a narative thereof, which is order'd to be transcribed and remitted to the Honble Compa for their Perusall. — Captt Tuers narrative of ye Transactions at Bombay. orderd to be sent home.

Captt Thoms Waltrope delivering an Acct of what expended in his Voyage from the West Coast, the Paymaster & Storekeepr are orderd to examine & report it to the Councill. — Orderd to examine Captt Waltropes Acct & report it.

Orderd that Pags 1000 be paid Mr John Cheney Paymastr to defray charges garrison &ca. — P: 1000 be pd Mr Cheney.

The Ballance of the Cuddalore books being lately sent us, whereupon examination are found severall Debtors to the Rt Honble Compt The Accomptant is therefore orderd to examine and demand it of them and bring it into their Honrs Cash. — Ye Accompt orderd to examine ye ball: of the Cuddalore books.

The Warehousekeepr gave in an acct of 40 Garse of Paddy bought for Stores amounting to Pags 653: 2: wch is orderd to be accordingly paid for, and that he doe buy soe much more to make it up 100 Garse and to sell off the Rice as soon as possible, since tis more perishable and is already upon the decay. — Orderd to pay for ye paddy bought.

There being four English fugitives lately come from Bombay upon a Goa Ship, who being seiz'd & secured by the Governour's order, Tis orderd that a Coart Martiall be held at the Fort Hall upon Wednesday next at Ten a clock in the morning for their examination and Tryall and that the Governour be President of the Coart. — A Coart Martiall to be held for ye Bombay fugitives.

Chinna Tombe haveing been in Prison these six years for a debtt of 500 Pags to the Rt Honble Compa but is doubted rather to be Mr Robert Freemans Dr: The Mayor and Aldermen are orderd strictly to examine the accts and rightly Judge the case. — Chinna Tombe's debt to be examined in the ye Mayors Coart.

for the security and gaurding the Rt Honble Compas estate and servants at Porto Novo, Tis orderd that the Saphir Friggot be sent thither and to take in their goods and remaines there till further from us, the countrey being all over in — Saphir to be sent to Porto Novo to secure ye

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Compas Concernes. Warr and troubles and a hott report of a warr twixt us and the Dutch, and that they are makeing great preparations for it at Batavia and Neggapatam.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN°: CHENEY.
W^M: FRASER.
W^M: CAWLEY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry.

12. Coart Martiall held. The Coart Martiall held this day at the Fort Hall for the examination and tryall of the four fugitives from Bombay, who were sentenced to be whipt aboard all the Europe Shipps in the road.

Pass to Ship Dilligence. Pass to Shipp Dilligent belonging to M^r Dan: Chardin.

13. Pollicat Avaldars ordr to hinder all English's proceedings. A letter from Cap^t Thom^s Waltrope, Mast^r of the Success ffriggot at Armagon, adviseing that the Avalda[r] of Pollicatt had given out orders, to all along that coast that they should not supply the English w^th either wood water or Provisions, putting a stopp to the Ladeing of Redwood she went down for.

14. Letter to ye Avaldar of Pollicatt to know ye reasons of his orders. Letter to the Governour of Pollicatt, from the President, desireing to know the reasons of His stopping the R^t Hon^ble Companyes Redwood at Armagon, which he has since excused himself in a letter to the President pretending he had not knowne y^t it belong'd to us and y^t it was the Duans orders for the stopping of all sorts of wood, for their buildings.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 17.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^R JOHN LITTLETON M^R THOM^S WAVELL
CAP^T WILL^M HEATH M^R JOHN CHENEY
M^R WILLIAM FRASER M^R WILL^M CAWLEY
M^R THOMAS GRAY *Sick.*

Capt Leslie commissiond Leivt at Conimere. Our Conimere and Porto Novo Factories being in great danger by the severall armies there in action who have plunderd most of the townes round them and the Commander of the Company of Soldiers being lately dead and Cap^t James Leslye requesting the Imployment Tis orderd that he be Commissiond Leivtenant of that Company, and that Ensigne James Hintchman goe his Ensigne, also that their forces be compleated to a Company of sixty men, and M^r John Nicks Cheif sending a list of ammunition Stores and necessaryes wanting in that Garrison, the Paymaster & Storekeep^r are orderd to Provide them and lade them upon Sloop [*lacuna in the original*] who is orderd to be dispatch't thither with all Expedition, and to remain there for safegaurd of the R^t Hon^ble Companys concerns there.

Mr. Grays Acct read. M^r Thomas Gray His books of Acc^ts of the Land Customes and Mint book were read and Past in Councill Viz^t.

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Mr Daniell Chardin delivering in an Acct of what expended in the unladeing of Ship Recovery till her delivery, the Paymaster and Storekeeper are orderd to examine and Pay it. To examine Mr Chardin's Acct & discharge it.

A letter to Jehan Bawder Cawn Nobob of Bengall concerning our poor English Captives detained there, also some discourse about the occasion of our late unhappy troubles and the advantages our trade has been to that Government, read and past and orderd to be Translated and sent by Mr Chardin now bound to ye Bay of Bengall, also a letter to Mr Henry Stanly &ca. Letter to ye Nabob of Bengall. to be sent by Mr Chardin.

Capt William Heaths Accts haveing been duely examind and corrected, as also another for Swords Blades &ca here which were approved, allowed and orderd to be adjusted with submission to the Rt Honble Compas approbation therein & for what Ammunition Stores and Provision is charged upon him in Bengall, Tis orderd that he give an Acct of the dispose thereof, and make good what shall be wanting.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.

WILL: FRASER.
WM: CAWLEY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Ship Dilligence belonging to Mr Daniel Chardin sett saile this Evening for the Bay of Bengall. 18. Dilligence Saild for Bengall.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

FRYDAY 21.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR
CAPT MR JOHN CHENEY
MR WILLM FRASER MR WILLM CAWLEY
MR

The whole Councill being duely Summond.

Capt John Spencer Cheif gunner of the out Garrison deceasing yesterday by an unhappy accident in fitting Granadoes was burnt with powder, wherein the Garrison has a very great loss he being a most carefull dilligent man in that charge and there being noe other Person fitter to supply that place then Capt Barwick he is therefore appointed thereto at the same pay of 10 Pa: ℔ mens, and other allowances the other had haveing great occasion of one to fitt and mannage our out Bullworks these dangerous times. Capt Barwick orderd Gunner of ye outworks.

Ensigne Hinchman being removed to the Compa at Conimere to serve in that station there and there wanting a person to supply his place and Mr Trevor Games a Gentleman well recommended to us as also by the officers for his skill in armes, courage and sobriety, who haveing served some time as Volenteer undr Capt Seaton in the Granadee[r] Compa he is fitter for the charge and is therefore orderd to be Commissioned youngest Ensigne to that Compa their number & Exercise requireing two, it consisting of about 100 men but he being also the Rt Honble Compas covenanted Servant tis order'd that his sallary be continued but that hee receive noe more then half Pay for his millatary Imployment. Mr. Games Commissiond Ensigne.

There wanting one of Councill at Conimeer Mr Samll Meverell is orderd to goe third thither upon Sloop Thomas & that the master take his necessaryes aboard, also that the officers & 10 Soldiers doe take their Passage on said Sloop and that she be this day dispatcht. Mr Meverall orderd 3d of Conimere.

The Moors Governour of Pollicat haveing returnd a very freindly answer to the Presidents Letter to him about the stopping of the boats at Pollicatt & reddwood at Armagon, both which being now releast according to Capt Walthrope advice from thence and the Said Governour desireing some small matter of gratuity, Pollicat Avuldar recalled his order.

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orderd 5 yds Scarlet be sent him.

Tis orderd that 5 yards of Scarlet, a prospective Glass & a case of Spectacles be sent him for this kindness and to engage his future friendship.

The Mercht deliverd in a Petition.

Alungall &ª the Cheif Merchants giveing in a Petition to the Councill wherein they complaine of the great Loss charge and many difficulties in bringing in their present Investment, alledging great impediments from the warrs & Scarcity in the countrey, Tis orderd yᵗ the said Petition be translated for our ℘usall and further considerations.

Mr Cheney orderd to take care of Capt. Spencers Concernes.

Capᵗ Spencer haveing by his Will constituted & appointed Mʳ Henry Alford & Capᵗ Charles Metcalf overseers thereto, who being unwilling to accept of the charge, they have declared their unwillingness thereto and refusall thereof, but that a due care may be taken of his concernes, Mʳ John Cheney Paymaster is orderd to take an Inventory of his estate here and to receive sell and dispose thereof as he shall Judge [m]ost advantagious for the Executors, and that he bring the nett Proceed thereof into the Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ Compᵃˢ Cash to be paid by them to the Proprietors in England.

Elihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Tho: Wavell.
Jnº: Cheney.
Will: Fraser
Wᵐ: Cawley.

22 William Proby.

The President went aboard ye Defence.

The President accepted of Capᵗ William Heaths kind Invitation and went aboard of him this morning, where he was generously entertained & at night return'd ashoare.

Att a Consultation

Present

Munday 24

Elihu Yale Esqᴿ President & Governour
Mᴿ John Littleton — Mʳ Thomᵃˢ Wavell
Mᴿ — Mᴿ Jnº: Cheney
Mᴿ Willᴹ Fraser — Mᴿ Willᴹ: Cawley
Mᴿ Thomᵃˢ Gray.
Capᵀ Willᴹ Heath *aboard.*

P: 1000 be pd Mr Cheney.

Orderd that Pagˢ 1000 be paid Mʳ John Cheney Paymaster to defray charges Garrison &cª.

Mr Cawlys Accts read.

Mʳ William Cawley Storekeepʳ his book of Accᵗˢ for the month of Aprill was read and Past in Councill with some alterations.

Conimere Merchants petition perused.

The Translate of the Compᵃˢ Merchants Petition being done and deliverd was perused in Councill and upon due consideration thereof though we find a great part of it truth, as to the scarcity and dearness of goods troubles and wars in the countrey, want of cotten and workmen to their probable Loss on this contract, yet we haveing contracted with them in the Honᵇˡᵉ Compᵃˢ name under hand and Seale for the severall sorts and prizes, think it not reasonable to relax anything of that contract only as to the time which cannot be avoyded but referring their case to the Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ Compᵃˢ courtecy & to encourage them in their buisiness now the Warehousekeepʳ and assistants are orderd to be as favourable to them as they can justly be and not be too severe with them, nor give them any cause of Complaint, that they may not be hinder'd from bringing in the remainder of their Contract.

in debate whether to send ye Resolution immediately or keep her longer.

The Resolution being now near unladen twas proposed whether we should dispatch her immediately to the West Coast or delay her sometime longer in hopes of news from Europe, the Dutch confidently reporting yᵗ they have warr with us, wᶜʰ if true twill be an unavoydable danger to send her into our Enimies mouths for which reasons twas agreed to keep her yet sometime longʳ however the Warehousekeepʳ and Customer are still prest to hasten her unladeing.

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Ship Defence being now free & noe Employment for he[r] at present, and there being a quantity of Firewood &c[a] lying ready at Conimere, w[ch] we shall be much wanting of, if the Mogull should trouble us here, it being also very scarce & dear w[th] us now, Tis orderd y[t] she be dispatch't thither, to take in w[t] Bales, firewood, Timber, Chinam & Match there is in readiness. Defence to goe to Conimere for firewood &c.

Richard Blackwall formerly Surgeons Mate of Ship Resolution, but marrying here to an English woman desires to serve the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] at their garrison of Conimere, where we have occasion for him, And Cap[t] William Sharp being now supplied w[th] an able Surgeon from Cap[t] Brangwin, he is orderd to discharge him from his Ship, and deliver him his concernes aboard also to pay to his order in England what wages is due to him. Blackwall discharg'd from the Ship.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN[o] CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W[M]: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec[ry].

Letter from Cap[t] Walthrope at Armagon adviseing of the Avaldar's kind assistance to him in the getting off the reddwood, and hopes to be ready to saile thence by Sunday next. 25.

News from Porto Novo that they have private advice from the Dutch there is certainly a warr with them w[ch] they expect confirmation of, every day by their Shipps from Batavia, till then they dare not further declare, but have cautioned our people there to provide for the worse. 26. News of a warr with ye Dutch.

No Consultation.

Rec[d] a letter from Cap[t] Thomas Walthrope at Armagon dated the 22[th] Instant, adviseing that he had taken in, all the redd wood weighing 168 : Ca : 121 lb : THURSDAY 27. 29.

Generall from Vizagapatam dated the 3[d] Instant w[th] their Dyaryes, and Consultations and Stewards Acc[ts]: Genll &a from Vizagad

This evening arrived the Ship George from Persia w[th] a packett from the Agent &c[a] there adviseing the death of Agent Shaxton, and President Michell at Bombay, w[th] the surprizeing Europe news from Aleppo, as also of the Loss of one of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Shipps, goeing thither w[th] a ladeing of Sugars. JULY 1. Ship George from Persia Agent Shaxton dead. News from Europe.

Ship Thoma sett saile this morning for the Port of Manilla. Ship Thom's set saile.

AT[T] A CONSULTATION WEDNESDAY 3.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M[R] JOHN LITTLETON M[R] THOM[s] WAVELL
CAP[T] WILL[M] HEATH M[R] JOHN CHENEY
M[R] WILL[M] FRASER M[R] WILLIAM CAWLEY
M[R] THOMAS GRAY.

The Letters &c[a] news Papers from Persia that arrived the other day upon a countrey Shipp, the George were ꝑused and considered of, and the Wine fruit &c[a] sent on her upon the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] acc[t] the Warehousekeeper is orderd to take ashoare. letter from Persia ꝑus'd. Orderd to discharge

Cap[t] Waltrope delivering in his Acc[ts] of expences on the Success Friggot at the West Coast and at Bengall which being duely examined by the Storekeep[r], Tis order'd that he doe discharge the same. Capt Walthropes acct. 1000 P: be pd Mr Cheney.

Orderd that Pag[s] 1000 be paid M[r] John Cheney Paymaster, to defray Garrison charges, also Pag[s] 1000 to M[r] William Cawley Storekeep[r] to disburse on the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Shipping &c[a]. 1000 to Mr Cawley.

[3RD] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1689*——

Being assured by the late News from Europe of a Peace with Holland, and advices from Goa acquainting us y^t^ Bombay Castle was in a better Condition then formerly and that by their late success against the Siddy's forces they were forced to retire to the uttmost Parts of the Island, sending treatyes of Peace and accomodation which is beleived will come to an Agreement, so that we are not in that Danger, wee were before apprehensive of, and therefore offering noe better employment for the Defence then the sending her to China, also haveing much silver return'd from Bengall, which wee cannot dispose, It's agreed that the severall Commanders Masters, and Pylotts be consulted about the season of Voyageing to China, which if tis their opinion that tis attainable without a Probable danger or difficulty, that then the Defence doe proceed with all expedition to China to lade Sugars Tutenague &c^a^ for Persia.

Debates on ye Disposall of the Defence & Masters of Ships required their opinion whether a ship may attaine a Voyage to China.

Amongst the news Papers rec^d^ from Persia was sent us coppy of the Hon^ble^ Governours &c^a^ agreement with some Armenian Merchants in England about Inhabiting and tradeing at the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ severall settlements of Bombay, Madrass &c^a^ as also to freight upon their Shipps, according to the Conditions therein specifyed, which probably may be now of greater benefitt to the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ then hereafter, by helping to lade the great Tonnage we are charg'd with and little Possabillity of procureing goods for half of it, in these Parts, The Goods therefore sent for Sen^r^ Gregorio and some others of the cheifest of the Armenian Merch [ts] and acquainted them of the favourable agreement the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ had made with their nation for their settlement and trade, and severall kind Priviledges under their Governments, which they seem'd greatly satisfyed and pleased with, desireing a translate thereof to communicate to their freinds at Bengall &c^a^ and to invite them hither, which is accordingly orderd to be given, with all other due encouragements so great and advantagious a designe requires.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO : WAVELL.
JN^o^ : CHENEY.
WILL : FRASER.
W^M^ : CAWLEY.
THO : GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry^.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^R^ . M^R^ THOMAS WAVELL
CAP^T^ WILLIAM HEATH M^R^ JOHN CHENEY
M^R^ WILL^M^ FRASER M^R^ WILL^M^ CAWLEY
M^R^

THURSDAY 4.

The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.

The Presidt Acct Cash read.

The President read his Acc^t^ Cash for y^e^ mõ of June the Ballᵗ : amounting to ... ... Pag^s^ 37423 : 14 : 2.

The Commandr: opinions are yt The season is not too late for ye Defence to attaine her Voyage to China. their reason.

The Severall Commanders and Pylotts this day giveing in their opinions in writeing as enter'd next after this Consultation, y^t^ the season was not too late for the Defence to attaine her Voyage to Canton or Maccaw, if she went by way of Manilla, of which they gave many Instances, and the Porteguez &c^a^ Vessells yearly practice it, and there being noe hopes of Ladeing her suddainly with goods hence home, and also very doubtfull to find a ladeing of Pepper for her at the West Coast, haveing already sent four Shipps thither, Tis therefore agreed and orderd that she proceed on her former designd Voyage, to Canton and Maccaw, according to the Commanders and Pylotts directions and that the Warehousekeep^r^ do lade

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on her, twelve Chests of Silver, and six hundred Piggs of Lead, also some suitable present y^t^ they may hasten and facillitate their buisiness, In China, and M^r^ Thomas Yale being now recoverd of his late sickness, and willing to goe the Voyage, haveing experience of y^e^ Place and trade the last Voyage, Tis order'd that he goe Cheif, M^r^ John Heynes, Second, M^r^ Edmund Mountague third, with M^r^ Watts and John Butterfeild Assistants, and that they jointly act according to Instructions in the management of that affair, and that M^r^ Yale, M^r^ Mountague and M^r^ Watts returne hither from Mallacca on such conveyance as offers to give an acc^t^ of their buisiness and that M^r^ Heynes and John Butterfeild to proceed on the Defence to Persia, and that she be dispatch't with all expedition possible, and that the Captaine doe make up his Complement of men and take with him an able Portugueze Pylott, for the greater hast and Security of his Voyage and the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Companyes Concernes.

Orderd that Pag^s^ 100 be paid Narso &c^a^ Washers for cureing and washing the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Cloth.

ELIHU YALE.
THO : WAVELL.
WILL : FRASER.

The Commanders and Pylotts opinions whether the Defence may attaine Her Voyage to China or not, Viz^t^. The Commandrs & Pylotts opinion.

Wee whose names are under written, by the desire of y^e^ Hon^ble^ President and Councill of Fort S^t^ George, they being willing to send the Ship Defence for Maccaw or the ports adjacent, if there be a probabillity that she may gaine the Ports abovesaid, and doe in order thereto require our opinions which we give in as followeth.

That considering the Ships being firme & strong & well man'd w^th^ Europeans we are of opinion y^t^ in all probabillity (if she goes by the way of Manilla) keeping that coast aboard till she makes Cape Buzziadore w^ch^ lyes N° Lattitude in 18 : 30 : where yow'le meet a fra[n]k wind and may undoubtedly gain the Ports aboves^d^.

Wittness our hands y^s^ 3 : of July 1689:

HENRY BURTON.
AUGUSTINE HART.
FRAN° MENDES ℔^ra^
ANT° WILLIAMS.

Commission & Instructions to M^r^ Thomas Yale Cheife &c^a^ Councill for the management of the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Affaires on their Voyage to China and Persia, on Shipp Defence, approved and Deliverd. 5. Commission & Instruct: to Mr Tho: Yale &ca.

Deliverd, Cap^t^ William Heath, Command^r^ : of Ship Defence, His dispatch for China, this Evening at four of the clock. 6. Deliverd Capt heaths dispatch.

A Subscription deliverd the Hon^ble^ President &c^a^ Councill, this evening at six of the clock Viz^t^. 6. Subscription.

Whereas your Hon^r^ &c^a^ were pleased to send a Paper to us the subscribers &c^a^ concerning a Voyage to Maccaw and Persia on Ship Defence, ℔mitting every one to subscribe as thought convenient in case the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ should not approve of s^d^ Voyage for their Acc^ts^ then to be for the subscribers Acc^t^ as therein at large specified which was (to the best of our remembrance) on or about the 15 Aprill last which being a good and seasonable time for Ships goeing to China induced us to subscribe as we did to said paper, but s^d^ Shipps Voyage being afterwards putt off (for what reasons presume not to enquire) made void said subscriptions, w^ch^ added to the lateness of the year, makes us now declare our resolution of not adventureing as subscribed not being any wayes obliged to run the hazzard of so dangerous & unusuall a passage & understanding y^r^ Hon^r^ &c^a^

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were pleased s[d] subscription should be enterd in Consultation so we humbly desire this (our dissent) may likewise be enterd.

JOHN LITTLETON.
JOHN POUNSETT.
THOMAS GRAY.
HENRY ALFORD.
JOHN CHENEY.
RICH[D] BROWN.
SIMON HOLCOMB.
CHARLES METCALF.

Fort S[t] George,
5[th] July 1689.

8. Lett[r]: & advice from Conimere.

Generall from Conimeere dated the 6th Instant adviseing of the continued troubles in those parts, dayly robbing and plundering the adjacent townes, that y[e] Merchants will not be ℔ swaded to adventure anything up the Countrey for y[e] provision of goods, and cannot possibly force them to a complyance least they should leave the place.

Defence set Saile.

Ship Defence, Cap[t] Will[m] Heath Command[r] set saile this morning for China.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 11.

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M[R] JOHN LITTLETON — M[R] THOMAS WAVELL
M[R] JOHN CHENEY — M[R] WILLIAM FRASER
M[R] WILLIAM CAWLEY — M[R]

The whole Councill being duly Summond.

M[R] THOMAS GRAY *Sick.*

P: 1500 be pd Mr. Cheney

Orderd that Pag[s] 1500 be paid M[r] John Cheney Paymaster to defray the Garrison Charges.

Mr. Cawleys Acct. read.

M[r] William Cawley Storekeep[r] his Acc[ts] for the month of May were read and past.

The Dyamond & Maddapoll be sent to Conimere.

Haveing long waited for orders from England or Bombay, for the employing their hon[rs] Bengall Shipping but none yet arriveing, and there being noe other buisness for them, Tis orderd that in the room of the Defence, the Dyamond friggot and Ship Maddapollam be dispatcht for Conimere to bring away the goods Wood &[ca] of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] there in readiness for Stores for the Garrison, that being allwayes the most wanting in our troubles, and the Ketch Samuel to be sent to be repaired at Porto Novo.

Success to proceed to Persia.

Orderd that the Success ffriggot, Cap[t] Thom[s] Waltrope Command[r] be fitted to proceed on a Voyage to Persia as soon as the season will Permitt with what Sugars Tutenague and Tynn of the Hon[ble] Comp[a] by us, noe good marketts offering here for their sale and to compleat her Ladeing upon frei[t] and y[t] some of our other small Vessells be sent with w[t] Topass Soldiers Stores Provisions &[ca] necessaryes can be spared to Bombay as soon as possible, except some orders from England or thence divert it, tho the Generall has yet requir'd none from us, but severall news reporting them, being und[r] some necessity, wee conclude such a supply may be acceptable.

Mint proceedings.

There being by long usage & Custome of y[s] Mint of near fourty years standing $\frac{3}{16}$ ℔ Cent or 5 fanams In the 100 Pag[s] difference in weight betwixt Madrass & Pollicat Pagodas for which the long ill Custome even of this place, notw[th]standing our severall prohibitions do make 2 ℔ Cent difference in exchange & from y[t] to 5 ℔ C[t] up the Countrey & so y[t] to the great diminition of our Mint Cust[e]: w[ch] upon many reasonable considerations as well to encourage & promote y[e] Mint buisness as to putt a due vallue on our Coyne 'tis conclude [d] very necessary that our Pag[s] be made equall in weight as they are in fineness to theirs as they were 50 years past,

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& y^{t} the alteration & charges be made & allowd by the Bramenees & Mint^{rs} tho they seem at ℔ Cent very averse to it, but rather y^{n} faile in a matter of so great consequence to change both coyne and Mint^{rs}.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^{o}: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W^{M}: CAWLEY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

12. Dutch Embassy & present to ye Mogull robd by the Savagees.

This day received advice that the Dutch's late Embassy from Pollicatt to the Mogull, by their Vice Commissary The Heer Johannes Backheries had mett with badd success, their rich present by him to the Mogull was Taken from them by y^{e} Savagees forces.

19.

Generall from Conimere dated the 17th Instant adviseing of their withdrawing the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Factory att Porto Novo, since the Merchants there will not be ℔ swaded to contract for a new Investment, or conclude the old one, by reason of the continued troubles in those parts.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}
M^{R} JOHN LITTLETON M^{R} THOM^{s}: WAVELL
M^{R} JOHN CHENEY M^{R} WILL^{M} FRASER
M^{R} WILLIAM CAWLEY M^{R} THOMAS GRAY

MUNDAY 22.

M^{r} Thomas Wavell Warehousekeep^{r} his book of Acc^{ts} for the months of May and June was read and past in Councill. Mr Wavells Accts read.

M^{r} Thomas Gray his book of Acc^{ts} of the Land Customes for the month of June was read and Past Viz^{t}.

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Saphir to be unladed.

her leaks to be stopt.

The Saphyr friggot being arrived from Porto Novo and Conimere with the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} goods &c^{a} the Warehousekeep^{r} is orderd to unlade them excepting the Tutenague, which is to be traverst aboard the Success friggot for Persia it bearing a good price there and after the unladeing of her, the Storekeeper and Commander are orderd to procure able Carpenters to stopp her Leak in this road if possible to fitt & send her to Bombay with what men stores and provisions we can possibly spare as before agreed upon.

Peons to look after Porto Novo factory.

Our Factory being withdrawn from Porto Novo It is orderd that three peons only be left to look after it and keep it in repair.

Received lately advice from our Bramenee & Peons at Metchlepatam and Maddapollam y^{t} the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Factorys are much out of repair, and they are six months behind hand of their wages, amounting to 54 Pag^{s} to each place,

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P 100 be sent to Metchlep: & Madapolli for repair of ye factory &c.

Tis therefore agreed & order'd that 100 Pag^{s} be sent to each ffactory to defray their charges of reparation and wages.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^{O}: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W^{M} CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{RY}.

M^{r} Tho: Wavell paid in Pag^{s} 12500 on Acc^{t} Silver &c^{a} Goods sold by Him.

M^{r} Thomas Gray paid in Pag^{s} 140 on Acc^{t} of the Land Customes, rec^{d} last month.

23. M^{r} William Fraser p^{d} in Pag^{s} 457 on Acc^{t} Sea Customes rec^{d} y^{s} month.

Advice from Conimere.

Generall from Conimere dated the 19th Instant, adviseing that Gopull Punditt had (the day after their withdrawing Porto Novo ffactory) sent possitive orders to detaine them there.

30. Another from thence of the 25: Instant, adviseing that Francis Bett, at Porto Novo had laid Violent hand on himself in dismembring & cutting his own throat, but for what reasons they know not.

AUGUST 2. This day rec^{d} another from thence, adviseing they have endeavour'd to bring their tedious Contract to a Conclusion but find no probabillity of effecting it, The Merchants haveing given over provideing any more goods, declareing they are broke and have no ready money to carry on their buisiness, so y^{t} they will use means to secure their debt to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} also adviseing that Harja Raja wth his party have revolted, & gone over to the Mogulls Army, and have given the Nabob, 30000 Pag^{s} as a Gratuity, but are not assured of its certainty.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 5.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^{R} JOHN LITTLETON M^{R} THOMAS WAVELL
M^{R} M^{R} WILL^{M} FRASER
M^{R} WILL^{M} CAWLEY M^{R} THOMAS GRAY

The Councill being duely Summond.

The Presidents Acct Cash read. Mr Fraser Accts read.

The President read his Acc^{t} of Cash for the month of July w^{ch} was past in Councill and the ballance examined amounting to ... ... Pag^{s} 53370: 14: 2.

M^{r} William Fraser, his book of Acc^{ts} of the Sea Customes for the month of Aprill, May and June was read and Past.

Mr Cawleys Accts read.

M^{r} William Cawley Storekeep^{r} his book of Acc^{ts} of Stores bought sold and expended on the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Shipping, the last month was read and past.

Capt Thomas Lacy's request granted.

Cap^{t} Thomas Lacy late Command^{r} of the Saphir Friggot, desireing to have the Liberty of goeing a Voyage to Pegue, and still to be continued in the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} service, In consideration y^{t} we have many Supernumeraryes with us, y^{t} want employment, Wee doe allow thereof, conditionally that he is not to receive any sallary or allowance from the Hon^{ble} Comp^{a}:, dureing his abscence, and his Saphir now wanting a Command^{r}, Cap^{t}: W^{m} Tuer is orderd to take charge of her, and have the same pay and allowances as the former had, he being well recommended to us by the Generall at Bombay for his good service in their troubles, and that Capraine Howell doe command the Ketch Samuel in his stead upon her returne from Conimere.

5. Ca Lead to be delivered to make Cisterns for ye fort.

The Warehousekeeper is orderd to deliver out four [*sic*] Candy of Lead to the Plummer to make Cisternes for the use of the gaurds and Garrison, as also to provide against a seige, the Fort water not being drinkable.

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Orderd that Pag^{s} 1000 be paid M^{r} John Cheney Paymaster to defray the Garrison charges. P : 1000 be pd Mr. Cheney.

Orderd that the orphans money (of Jn^{o} Poyse deceas't) in Cap^{t} Tho^{s} Gray's hands be deliverd into the Custody of the french Padryes, to be managed for the good of the Children, and to give obligation, to be accountable for the same to them.

The Accomptant is minded to bring up y^{e} Gen^{ll} books of Acc^{ts} which are much behind hand, who promises to do for next Shipp. The Accomptant orderd to bring up the Generall books.

There being three fugitive Soldiers that lately ran away with their Armes, intending to serve the Moores in the Mogulls Camp, were by our Peons, sent in persuit of them, apprehended some dayes Journey on their way, and secured by the Polligars in those parts, who would not deliver them, but upon Condit [ion] of a Pardon for their lives, which upon necessity being consented to, they were returned to us and now under confinement, but these trouble some times requireing more severity then formerly, and tho we spare their lives, yet tis held absolutely necessary to make them otherwise exemplary, to deterr others from the like crimes. This therefore orderd that a Coart Martiall be held by the President &c^{a} in the fort hall on Wednesday next for their tryall. Some fugitive Soldiers being Caught. A Coart Martiall ordered for ye tr all of ym.

The Worsp^{ll} Mayor and Aldermen are appointed to hold a Generall sessions for the enquiry & regulateing of misdeameanors.

The Dyamond friggott being returned from Conimere wth the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Bales and wood, the Warehousekeep^{r} is orderd to unlade them with all expedition.

The troubles encreasing to the southward we are advised, the Conimere Merchants also make great delayes in their buisiness & desire to be excused further proceeding on their Contract, which is supposed to procee[d] from their avarice or dislike of their provision of cours[e] goods, Tis therefore orderd that they do use all possible means to continue them to their contract, otherwise to confine and force them to it, if there is any possabili[ty] of their complying with it.

Orderd that a Vestre be called on Wednesday next at four in the Evening for the examination & settling the Church stock and Affaires.

The Worsp^{ll} Mayor and Aldermen deliverd in a paper to the Councill, requesting that the Toll & other petty dutyes, may be appropriated to the use & service of the Corporation, as is accustomary in all other Cittyes in England &c^{a} to support their charge, w^{ch} paper was ℔used and left to the Councills Considerations and resolve, till next Consultation day, The Mayor &c^{a} engageing to employ it soly for the good and conveniency of the Citty.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO : WAVELL.
JN^{O} : CHENEY.
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THO ; GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

TO THE HON^{BLE} ELIHU YALE,

PRESIDENT^{R}. & GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A} COUNCILL.

Whereas, the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} English East India Comp^{a} haveing been pleased by their Charter under their larger seale bearing date the 30th of December 1687 : in the third year of our Sovereigne Lord James the 2^{d}, King of great Brittaine &c^{a} to make this their Citty a Corporation, by constituteing and erecting a Coart, consisting of Mayor, Aldermen &c^{a}, not only for the ease of the Hon^{ble} President &c^{a} as also for hearing & redressing all complaints and grivances of the Inhabitants, according to equity, good consciences as well as the lawes of the English Nation & the rules formerly established here, with what The Mayor & A[l]dermens request for the Petty Tolls.

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more convenient or may be thought good hereafter to be made, and because the Corporation have not as yet any stock or found able to defray the necessary charges and expence of such officers and Servants as must unavoydably be imployed for the publick good of the place, & seeing the circumstances of the times are so that we cannot impose yet any taxes upon the Inhabitants, either to support the corporation by building a Town Hall, Schools common Shoars &c^{a} for ornament & healthfullness of the place.

The Mayor & Aldermen &c^{a} do humbly request the Hon^{ble} President and Councill, would please to grant and assigne over to the Corporation, the Petty dutyes of Banksall Toll, measureing of graine, and weighing of goods, as is usuall in all Corporations in England whereby this Corporation may be the better enabled, not only to begin, but make some progress in regulateing and paveing the streets and lanes in town, till by degrees we may be more capable to doe whatever may conduce most for the good of the place, besides the good example it will be to encourage y^{e} Inhabitants in chearfull Payment of all such easy and moderate Taxes as the Corporation shall see meet to impose upon them, all which is humbly submitted to your Hon^{rs} &c^{a} Councills considerations.

7. Generall to y^{e} Cheif and Councill at Conimere ordering them to continue their advices of the news and transaction[s] of those parts betwixt the Mogulls and Morattaes: forces, and as much as possible keep freindship wth both but most with the savageans, since we shall have the greatest occasion of them, hopeing they will continue to defend their Countrey against the Mores, as well to divert them from us here as to secure our settlements in those parts.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 12.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^{R} JOHN LITTLETON M^{R} THOM^{S} WAVELL
M^{R} JOHN CHENEY M^{R} WILL^{M} FRASER
M^{R} WILL^{M} CAWLEY M^{R} THOMAS GRAY

Mayor & Aldermen request ꝑ used & debated.

The Councill haveing duely considerd upon the Mayor and Aldermen's request the last Consultation day, for the appropriating the Tolls and other petty dutyes to the Corporation, for the defraying their necessary charges in keeping the streets clean and others requisite for the good and benefitt of y^{e} place and the Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} haveing already orderd soe many revenues by Custome, Taxes, Quittrents &c^{a} the Mayor &c^{a} doe declare they cannot (at present) reasonably contrive any other imposition to mantaine their charge, the trade and times being soe dull and bad, Tis therefore thought necessary and reasonable, that the Paddy Toll, Measureing and weighers duty, and Brokerige be from the begining of this month soly assign'd and appropriated to the Corporation of this Citty of Maddrass and to be collected by the Mayor and Aldermen or whom they shall appoint or imploy there, & in consideration thereof that the Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} be at no charge of officers servants gaurds, Watches, formalityes Prisons &c^{a} and tis ordered that the present small revenues and such others they shall raise be employ'd on Common Shoars, Walls, and watches for the Citty, and such other conveniencyes as are necessary for the good, healthyness and benefitt of the place.

Paddy Toll measurers duty &ca ordered to be assigned & appropriated to ye Corporation.

Mr. Makreet petition to make a voyage.

M^{r} Thomas Makreeth giveing in his Petition to make a Voyage to Pegue, promiseing his best Services for the Comp^{a} in procureing priviledges from the King &c^{a} and that he would be at the charge of repaireing the factory there, and maintaine such a post as may be to the honour of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} upon which tearms tis thought fitt and reasonable to grant his request, but that his Sallary and all other allowances doe cease till his returne hither againe.

Granted.

P: 1000 be pd Mr. Cheney.

Orderd that Pag^{s} 1000 be paid M^{r}. John Cheney Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

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Mr John Cheney Paymastr his book of Acctˢ for the months of May & June was read and past. Mr. Chen[e]y's Acctt read.

For the month of May.

Charges Garrison	Pagˢ	1405 : 03 : $\frac{3}{16}$
Charges Generall	„	410 : 05 : $\frac{1}{8}$
Charges Merchandize	„	136 : 10 : $\frac{3}{8}$
Acctˢ Fortifications Repaires	„	82 : 06 : $\frac{1}{2}$
Charges Cattle	„	16 : 02 : $\frac{1}{4}$
Charges Dyett	„	300 : 03 : $\frac{1}{8}$
Charges Extraordinary	„	153 : 24 : $\frac{1}{8}$
House moveables	„	122 : 18 : –
Acctˢ Presents	„	40 : — : –
West Coast	„	8 : 27 : –
Bengall Expedition	„	2 : 28 : –
Coyning of Gold	„	14 : 15 : –
	Pagˢ	2691 : 34 : $\frac{11}{16}$

June.

Charges Garrison	P :	1495 : 22 : $\frac{5}{8}$
Charges Generall	„	451 : 25 : $\frac{3}{4}$
Charges Merchandize	„	80 : 14 : $\frac{11}{16}$
Charges Cattle	„	14 : 04 : $\frac{3}{4}$
Charges Dyett	„	301 : 07 : $\frac{3}{4}$
Acctˢ fortifications &cª	„	261 : 04 : $\frac{1}{2}$
Conimere & Porto Novo factory	„	189 : 04 : —
Vizagapatam factʸ 70 : Tanassaree 8 : 12 : ...	„	78 : 12 : —
Charges Extraordinary	„	60 : 24 : —
West Coast	„	148 : 27 : —
	Pagˢ :	3081 : 03 : $\frac{1}{16}$

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO : WAVELL.
JNº : CHENEY.
WILLᴹ FRASER.
WILLᴹ CAWLEY.
THO : GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY.

12. Recd this day a letter from Allewordee Beague Governr of Conjevoram, who very kindly returning the two fugitive soldiers that lately ran away from this Garrison wth the horses &cª they carry'd along with them. Letter from ye Govr of Conjevoram.

15. Generall from Conimere, dated the 12th Instant, adviseing that the report of Harja Raja's going over to the Mogulls party proves to be false and beleives he would not be guilty of so bad an Act, but rather gathers strength for its better defence, and the Moors are not over forward to come against him. Advice from Conimere.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 19.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.

Generall Letter to the Rt Honble Compª was read approved and orderd to be sent on the Success friggot to Persia and thence to be forwarded overland. Genl to ye Rt Honble Compa read.

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[19TH]

Mr. Grays Accts read.

Mr Thomas Gray land Customer his books of Acc[ts] for the month of July were read and past Viz.

Land Customes	Pag[s]	18:04:72
Weighers Duty	„	08:81
Measurers Duty	„	107:09:35
Banksoll Toll...	„	43:15:03
Ruby Brokers	„	15:00:00
P: ...		185:17:85
Charges deducted ...		4:14:50
		181:03:35

Allewordee Beague Governour of Conjevoram haveing very kindly return'd our fugitive men and stolen horses &c[a] w[ch] was more then we could expect from such people, being never before practiced by them for which favour Tis thought fitt and ordered that a small Present of 6½ y[ds] of Scarlett with some small raritys be sent him to oblige him to continue his kindness, and freindship on the like occasion, y[t] also a small present be given him that brought y[e] men.

Allewordee Beague returning ye fugitives wth ye horses Orde:d yt 6½ yds scarlet be presented him.

A Letter to the said Alleworde Beague Governour of Conjevorom in answer to his kind civillityes in returning the fugitives, as also excuseing the paym[t] of this towns rent money till we had rec[d] the nabobs orders for it.

Letter to ye sd Alleworde.

Orderd that the two fugitives be tryed by common Law at our Coart of Judicature by reason one of them was dismist from the duty of his Armes to take charge of the horses and stable, besides their severall thefts requiring it.

The fugitives be tryd by Common Law.

Cap[t] Heron Command[r] of the Dyamond friggot being design'd on a Voyage to Pegue, requests y[e] laying down his employ in the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Service, w[ch] is accordingly granted him, and orderd that Cap[t] Howell do take charge of said friggot & Cap[t] Hussey of the Samuel Ketch.

Capt Herons requst granted.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN[O]: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W[M]: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY.

22

The Duch Govr of Pollicat saild ys morning.

The Heer Laurence Pitt Governour of Pollicatt sailed by this morning w[th] four other Shipps and vessells, did kindly salute the fort, with all excuseing to the President his not comeing ashoar to pay him a Vissitt, his earnest buisness calling him to Pollicatt to dispatch a Ship to Batavia & another to this Coast and Bay.

Pass given to Ship S[ta] Rosa, whereof Senh[r] Augustine Hart is Mast[r] bound for Pegue.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 23.

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERN[R]
M[R] M[R] THOM[S] WAVELL
M[R] JOHN CHENEY M[R] WILL[M] FRASER
M[R] WILL[M] CAWLEY M[R] THOM[S]: GRAY.

Wee haveing sometime delayd & disputed with y[e] Severall Gover[n]ments concerning the Payment of the last years rent money due in June last, except y[t] according to our Phyrmaund from the late King of Golcandah, they would first procure the Nabobs Phyrwanna or order to whom we should pay it, which being

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now sent us by the Avaldar of Pollicat who has the charge of all the Sea Ports on this Coast under the Mogulls Government, Tis orderd that the 1200 Pag^{s} be accordingly paid takeing his rec^{t} for the same. 1200 Pa: be pd to ye Avaldar of Pollicat.

M^{r} William Fraser Sea Customer his book of Acc^{ts} for the month of July was read and past in Councill. Mr. Frasers Accts read.

The Persons we sent to survey the Dyamond friggot report that she is much out of repair and in a very leaky Condition, whereupon we had thoughts of sending her to Vizagapatam to fitt there, but late advices thence tells us, that Planks and other materialls are so scarce and dear there, that they cannot gett sufficient to repair those Shipps already sent them, and there being noe other convenient place left us for that service on this Coast, Tis agreed and orderd that she be dispatch't for Pegue with what can be procured on freight and that we send something on the R^{t} Hon^{b}^{le} Comp^{a} Acc^{t} for the charge of her repair, and lade her back with salt provisions, Sticklack, Timbers, Mortivans, Graine &c^{a} Commodityes proper for the supply of y^{s} Garrison for which to send 1000 Pag^{s} in Silver, broad cloth fine, and Ordinary Perpetuanoes, one Chest Rose water, &c^{a}: and to be consigned to the Master and one writer we shall send upon her, and to be recomended to the care and assistance of M^{r} Thom^{s} Makrith and Cap^{t} Thomas Lacy who also are designed thither upon their own Acc^{ts} and the reason of our sending for Provisions is, their being so very scarce and dear here as also for store for this garrison against a seige, but if noe occasion that way then to dispose it to the Shipping or send it to Bombay.

The Conimere Cloth being examined by the President and Warehousekeep^{r} find it very badd Tis orderd that the Cheif &c^{a} there be advised thereof and that the Merchants to make Satisfaction for the same.

The troubles soe encreaseing in the Conimeer Countrey that the Merchants can bring in noe goods to conclude their contract, and are also very apprehensive of great danger of themselves, and factory Tis therefore orderd that Sloops Samuel & Beaufort be dispatch't and continued at Conimere for Security of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} concernes and them.

The Bookkeeper was againe reminded to bring up the Generall Books of Acc^{ts}: which are much behind hand, and y^{e} paymaster to repair the Garrison where there is occasion, and bringing in y^{e} bricks which there has bin money long given out for.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^{O}: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W^{M}: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R} MUNDAY 26.
M^{R} JOHN LITTLETON M^{R} THOM^{S} WAVELL
M^{R} M^{R} WILL^{M} FRASER
M^{R} WILLIAM CAWLEY M^{R}

The Councill being duely Summond.

M^{r} Tho: Wavell his book of Acc^{ts} for the month of July was read & past & paid in 10000 Pag^{s} for Silver & goods sold by him last month. Mr. Wavells Accts read.

Letter to Conimere read & Approved, reprehending them for their bad sortment of their Goods, ordering y^{t} they make an Abatem^{t} on y^{m} last sent us, otherwise to returne y^{m} upon their Merch^{ts} hands as also to rectifie that great errour for the future. Letter to Conimere reprehending for their bad sortmt.

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Letter to Raja Devora of Tutecurry.

The President's letter to Raja Devora of Tutecaree was read and approved, desireing his intercession w^th^ the new king of Candy for the releasm^t^ of severall English Captives, that were unhappily cast away on Zealoan as also proposalls for a trade & settlement in his Dominions, there being great quantitys of pepper procureable there.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^O^: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W^M^: CAWLEY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry^.

28. 2 fugitives executed.

The two fugitive Soldiers named George Isaac and Charles Cross were according to sentence executed, the one on the Gibbet before the Stable dore and the other shott to death at the execution Post before the fort Gate.

30.

Deliverd Cap^t^ Thomas Walthrope Commander of the Success friggot his dispatch in order to his Sailing for Persia

Passes given to Shipps James and Rebecca, whereof Cap^t^ Henry Burton and Cap^t^ Jn^o^ Hampton are Commanders, the one being bound for Pegue y^e^ other for Persia.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

SEPTEMBER. MUNDAY 2.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^
M^R^ JOHN LITTLETON M^R^ THOM^S^: WAVELL
M^R^ JOHN CHENEY M^R^ WILL^M^: FRASER
M^R^ WILL^M^: CAWLEY M^R^ THOM^S^: GRAY.

Mr Cheneys Accts read.

M^r^ John Cheney Paymaster his book of Acc^ts^ for the month of July was read and past.

The Presidents Acct Cash read.

The Presidents Acc^t^ of the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Cash was read and past, the ballance examined amounting to Pag^s^ 66: 35: 14: 2.

Mr Cawleys Accts read.

M^r^ William Cawley storekeeper his Acc^ts^ of stores bought and sold, and paying off seamens wages and Shipps charges for the month of August were read and past.

Resolution to sail to Bencolen.

Haveing detained the Resolution as long as possibly wee could, in expectation of news from Europe and the season now growing late and dangerous to keep her longer on this Coast till the monsoon, also being too late to expect a shipp from Europe or Bombay, Tis therefore agreed & orderd, that Cap^t^ W^m^ Sharp do gett his Ship in readiness to sail for Bencoolen with all expedition, to be laden there for England w^th^ pepper, w^ch^ we beleive may be ready for her, but in case there should not be sufficient for her, nor any probabillity of Procureing pepper to dispatch her timely home, y^t^ y^n^ they be order'd immediately to returne her hither, to be dispatch't home in January.

Francis Bett haveing by distemper & distraction lately wounded himself at Porto Novo factory, where for want of a Surgeon, they were necessitated to call y^e^ Dutch Surgeon to his releif & cure, w^ch^ being chargeable to him, he requests y^t^ as being y^e^ Comp^as^ Serv^ts^, it may be allow'd by the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ w^ch^ being consider'd of & y^t^ twas his own rash act, Tis orderd y^t^ he bear the half charge thereof, and that the Cheif doe allow the other half.

Orderd y^t^ a Coart Martiall be held tomorrow at the fort hall for the tryall of the Soldiers Confiderates with the late executed Criminalls.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^O^ CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W^M^: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY.

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According to an order of Councill, a Coart Martiall was this day held at the Fort Hall for the examination of five English Soldiers, that were confiderates to the late executed Criminalls and sentence past, that three of them be transported to the West Coast, and the other two to runne the Gantlett. 3.

A Dutch Shipp passing by this morning, The President sent aboard to enquire of newes, and was enformed that Ship Royall James, was through a desperate leak, and want of men, forc't to Batavia and there disposed at publick Sale, but that her Ladeing of Pepper and Stores were Secured in Warehouses. 4. Royall James at Batavia disposed.

Pass given to Ship George, whereof Cap^{t} Thomas Lacy is Commander, bound for Pegue.

This morning shipp George sett saile for Pegue. 5.

Ship James Cap^{t} Henry Burton Commander sett saile, for Pegue. 8.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R} MUNDAY 9.
M^{R} JOHN LITTLETON M^{R} THOM^{S} WAVELL
M^{R} M^{R} WILL^{M} FRASER
M^{R} WILL^{M} CAWLEY M^{R} THOM^{S} GRAY

The Councill being duly Summond.

Haveing late news by a dutch ship from Batavia & the Governour also advised by a letter thereof, that Ship Royall James was putt in at Batavia and unloaden and sold, being too leaky to proceed on her Voyage or repaired, and this day the Surgeon of said Shipp John Plummer with severall others, who came Passengers upon the Dutch ship, acquainted us that the ship was so much out of repair, and they haveing neither money nor conveniency to supply her defects, were necessitated to sell her, and the boatswain & Carpenter deliver in their reasons for so doeing, as also an acc^{t} of her sale, This accidentall news, puts us also upon consideration of sending the Resolution thither to take in y^{e} said Pepper, and sail directly thence for England, only by the way to touch at Boncolen wth our people and advices and to prevent any other ship's goeing to Batavia for said pepper, and in case the Generall & Councill deny it them, then to protest against them in the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} name, for all damages that shall acrew to them thereon, and saile thence for Bencolen to take in a ladeing there, but our resolutions therein are deferr'd, till wee receive the Governour &c^{a} answer to our late letters sent them, after to dispatch her with all expedition to prevent the danger of the Monsoon. Resolution to goe to Batavia.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.

WILL: FRASER.
W^{M}: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY.

This day rec^{d} a letter from the Governour and Councill of Pollicatt, in answer to the Presidents & Councill, relateing the buisness of Ship Royall James at Batavia. 10. Letter from ye Governr of Pollicatt.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNESDAY 11. ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^R JOHN LITTLETON M^R
M^R M^R W^M FRASER
M^R W^M CAWLEY. M^R THOM^S GRAY.
The Councill being duely Summmond.

A letter from The Governour of Pollicatt ꝑused & debated.

Haveing last night rec^d answer from the Govern^r &c^a of Pollicatt to the President &c^as letter, where they referr us, for information to a transcrip't Paper signed only by the Secretary of Pollicatt, where they recite the Petition and Condition of the Royall James and her men at Bantam and Batavia, and their pretended assistances to them at least in giveing them licence for the sale of the Shipp, and houseing the pepper upon y^e adjacent Island on [t]rust, and 'tis also pretended, that the said Pepper was imbargued by the King of Bantã for debts, Customes due to him from the R^t Hon^ble Company, and therefore that they should not deliver it without orders from the dutch Company, but these being unreasonable and unjust Pretences, we cannot think ourselves, confirmed by y^m but that tis our indispencible dutyes to send a ship and demand the Pepper for the R^t Hon^ble Comp^a Acc^t and therefore notwithstanding the Resolution Cap^t William Sharp Commander was formerly orderd to proceed to the West Coast to lade thence for England, Tis now agreed & orderd that the said ship be dispatch't hence directly for Batavia with the Presidents &c^a letter to the Generall &c^a to demand and recover the pepper, w^ch if denyed to be deliver'd, that then the Captaine do resolutely and authentickly deliver our Protest, to the Generall &^a of Batavia, after wnich to saile for York fort at Bencolen and take in his Ladeing for England, but if there be not Sufficient pepper for him there then to returne hither to compleat her Cargoe. .

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.

WILL: FRASER.
W^M: CAWLEY.
THO : GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry.

11. Advice from Conimere.

Letter from Conimere dated the 5^th Instant, adviseing they had sent their dubash to hasten the Pullicherry Merchants in y^e makeing their proposalls for an Investment, to be remitted us for our ꝑusall which could not be effected by reason of some difference ariseing amongst them, w^ch they are resolved to have it decided at the Durbarr, wherein it will take up so much time (as they fear) will disappoint them of an Investment for the Jan^y Shipping, they also greatly complaine of the slowness of their Merchant in the finishing their Contract notwithstanding their dayly pressing them to it.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 13 ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^R JOHN LITTLETON M^R THOM^S WAVELL
M^R M^R WILL^M FRASER
M^R WILL^M CAWLEY M^R THOM^S GRAY.
The Councill being duely Summond.

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[13TH] Agents Charnocks appeal.

Agent Charnock delivering an appeal to the President and Councill upon the Judgement given by the Mayor and Aldermen against him on an action by Mr James Wattson about a parcell of Arrack bought of him for the Rt Honble: Compas Acct:, which upon further examination, doe find that the Coart had not received due informations therein, Tis therefore agreed & orderd that Mr Wattson be paid for the said parcell of Bengall Arrack bought by the Agent &ca for the Rt Honble Compas Acct as orderd in Consultation of the 9th July at the rate of 3¾ rupees ℔ Pago: as others receive upon that and the like Acct.

Mr Watson be paid for his arrack.

Orderd that the Warehousekeeper do lade aboard the Resolution all the Abasses, Persia money and two Chests of silver Ingotts as also 10000 Silver fanams

Genl to ye Genl & Council of Batavia approvd.

Letter to the Generall and Councill of Batavia as also a Protest to be deliverd them in case they deny the delivery of the Royall James pepper left there.

Mr Grays Accts read.

Mr Thomas Gray Land Customer his books of Accompts for the month of July were read and past and paid in 240 Pags on Acctt of the land Customes. Vizt.

Land Customes	Pags	49 : 29 : 60
Weighers duty	,,	— : 2 : 95
Chowltry Customes	,,	185 : 03 : 4
Ruby brokers	,,	14 : 19 : 50
		249 : 19 : 9
Charges deducted as ℔ Acct	,,	1 : 17 : 25
	Pags	248 : 01 : 0

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.

WILL: FRASER.
WM: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

The President wrote a letter to [*lacuna in the original*] Governour of Metchlepatam, acquainting him that he had lately (to his great surprize and admiration) received the bad news of his seiziere the Rt Honble Compas factory with all their goods and other concernes therein desireing to be satisfyed with the reasons thereof, and that he would deliver up our factory with the Goods &ca to the Dubash and Bramenee, otherwise he will look upon it as a warr or robbery and right the Honble Compa therein.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDY

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR
MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILLM FRASER.
MR WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMS: GRAY.

SATURDAY 14.

Whereas we had orderd Capt Willm Sharp Comdr of the Resolution to saile directly for Batavia to take in the Royall James Cargo of pepper &c there which if refused to be delivered him, then to proceed to Bencolen to be laden with pepper from thence or otherwise to touch there at her return from Batavia for the delivery of our treasure people & letters, but being since advised by severall Pylots that it will be a difficulty and Loss of time to go thither from Batavia at that Season to prevent which, 'Tis order'd that she saile directly hence for

Resolution first to go to Bencolen & then to proceed to Batavia.

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Bencoolen which is little out of her way, & there to deliver the treasure &c[a] and to proceed thence to Batavia within Ten dayes after her arrivall without delay, shewing Mr. Bloom our orders & takeing his &c[as] advise about the buisness, as also w[t] other orders the Comp[as] might have sent thither & know what quantity of Pepper they have in readiness by them and that if they should be denyed the Pepper at Batavia, then to returne to Bencolen to take in her ladeing for England but if no Pepper procureable at Bencoolen neither, then the Resolution, Is orderd to returne hither through the Streights of Mallacca to be laden heuce for England, notwithstanding the expiration of her Charterparty, which we doubt not in such unforeseen Immergencyes the Hon[ble] Comp[a] will approve & allow of.

her Instructions.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN[O]: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W[M]: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec[ry]

17. Deliverd C[pt] Sharp his dispatch for Bencolen.

Deliverd C[pt] W[m] Sharp Command[r] of Ship Resolution his dispatch and Instructions for his sailing to and negotiation at Bencolen and Batavia.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORD[Y]

Present

TUESDAY 17.

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERN[R]
M[R] JOHN LITTLETON M[R]
M[R] JOHN CHENEY M[R] WILL[M]: FRASER
M[R] WILL[M]: CAWLEY M[R] THOM[S]: GRAY.

The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.

Capt Sharp's Protest Read and debated.

Whereas Cap[t] W[m] Sharp delivering his Protest to the Councill for ordering him to Batavia &c[a] & not sending his Ship hence with half a ladeing for England, alledgeing that most of the Councill were against it, being of opinion that the Royall James Cargo of Pepper at Batavia, would not be deliverd him and that the ships proceeding thither was unnecessary and would be to little or noe purpose which contradicting our former joint resolves on this matter, twas againe proposed by the President to the Councill whether or noe, they though[t] the sending Ship Resolution to Batavia to demand and receive the said pepper was necessary or not, when twas again unanimously agreed by all present to send her thither, as well for the Comp[as] Interest as the discharge of our dutyes, Cap[t] Sharp was therefore required to declare who of y[e] Councill twas, that told him this falcity being a matter of ill consequence and great reflection upon our Councill and a breach of their dutyes, whereupon Cap[t] Sharp voluntarily made oath that it was M[r] Thomas Wavell, tho he knew little of y[s] buisness not comeing to any of our Consultations, concerning it, nor but seldome to any other buisness, little regaurding either summons or message or any other authority of Government, deporting himself very disrespectfully & refractory to the President both in words and Actions, w[ch] upon this new occasion the Governour cannot but take notice of.

ELIHU YALE.

The last part of this Consultation am Ignorant off. } JOHN LITTLETON.

When this past I was at y[e] Mount & therefore know nothing thereof. } JN[O]: CHENEY.

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I except against the Latter part of this Consultation & know nothing of his neglect of duty or disrespect to the Gover[r] being very dilligent in the Comp[as] affairs both in sorting & the Vast quantities of Europe goods he has sold & brought to acc[t]. } WILL : FRASER.

W[M] : CAWLEY { As to M[r] Wavells dilligence in his Station in minding o[r] R[t] hon[ble] M[ars] affaiers I leave y[t] to y[e] hono[ble] Presid[t] to Inquier into W.C.—— I being Junio[r] to M[r] Wavell.—— }

The latter ℔t of this Consultation is malice & falcehood. } THO : GRAY.

W[M] PROBY Sec[ry].

Coppy of the Protest deliverd to the President and Councill by Cap[t] William Sharp Command[r] of Ship Resolution dated the 16[th] of September 1689. Coppy of Capt Sharp's protest.

Whereas the Ship Resolution was by a Charterparty bearing date the 2[d] of March $168\frac{6}{7}$ lett out by S[r] Josiah Child Joseph Herne & W[m] Sharp Commander of the said ship, in the behalf of the rest of the Owners to serve the R[t] Hon[ble] East India Company in trade and Warrfaire in a Voyage to the East Indies, and to remaine in their service twenty four months after the 20[th] Jan[y] $168\frac{7}{8}$ and to saile directly for England whether laden or empty, as by said Charterparty doth more plainly appear, and in pursuance of which agreement, the said ship did according to the said R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] orders sail out of the downes the 25[th] Aprill 1687 : and arrived in Madrass road the 15[th] October following and hath ever since followed all such orders as have received from the Hon[ble] President Agent or Cheif, and haveing now received a dispatch to saile from hence to Bencolen, and Batavia to take in the Royall Jame's Cargo and in case of its not being delivered to returne to Bencolen or Madrass againe, which Voyage cannot be ℔formed, according to the opinion of the most experienced Pylots, within the time limitted in Charterparty, the Ship Mary being five months on her Passage the last year from thence thither, and it [is] also the opinion of severall of the Councill, that the said Cargo will not be deliverd by the dutch, till they have orders for the same from Europe, they grounding their opinions upon the dutch advices and also on the information given by severall of the Royall Jame's men lately arrived here, and haveing severall times demanded a laden of Bales and also petitiond for Salt Peter to carry it home at 11 £ ℔ Tonn which not being complyed with & I being obliged by Charterparty to proceed for England, after expiration of the time aforementiond, whether laden or not first haveing made legall demands, thirty dayes before, in Consideration of this and the fatall consequences of the Royall James by her longer then ordinary staying in these parts and the news of the Nathaniels being put into the Cape in great distress give me just reason not to stay any longer in y[s] Countrey then the time limitted by Charterparty aforesaid, and there being noe Cheif at Batavia and probably I may be at Sea not laden when the said time is expired, do therefore in y[e] behalf of the owners of the said ship Resolution protest against the Hon[ble] Elihu Yale President, and Councill for want of Laden and I do actually declare and protest against the Hon[ble] Elihu Yale &c[a] Councill and Governour & Company of Merchants of London tradeing to the East Indies Jointly and Severally and do lay to their charge all such damages that may acrew and Losses that may be sustained to the said owners for want of Laden and by goeing home empty at the experation of our Limitted time. Capt Sharp's Protest.

WILL[M]: SHARP.

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18. Advice from Conimere.

Generall from Conimere dated the 14th Instant adviseing that they have been pressing their Merchants to change the bad goods they have formerly been forced to receive which they possitively deny to doe but they will try their uttmost to bring them to a complyance therein.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAY

Present

WEDNESDAY 18.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR
MR MR
MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILLM FRASER
MR WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMS : GRAY.

The whole councill being duely summond.

Letter to Bombay approv'd.

Letter to the Generall &ca Councill of Bombay read and past and orderd to be sent by a Countrey Shipp bound thither, as also Duplicate of the Generall & advices to the Rt Honble Compa ℔ Shipp Resolution.

P: 1000 be pd Mr Cheney.

Orderd that Pags 1000 :— :—be paid Mr John Cheney Paymaster to defray the garrison charges.

Dorothy arrived from Bencolen. Dorothy to be surveyd. quinteledgd wth redwood. Compleat her ladeing with Course goods. to be dispatch'd for Engld.

The Dorothy friggot being arrived this day from Bencolen without Pepper or any other Ladeing, and haveing formerly resolved to dispatch her immediately for England, the Storekeeper is orderd to send some able Pylotts and Carpenters aboard to survey her whether she is Capable to performe that Voyage, and if she is found to be so, that then the lead be first taken ashoar, and she be quintelledg'd with a due proportion of redwood and saltpeter, and her ladeing to be compleated with Long cloth &ca Course goods excepting any persons are willing to lade home China or Bengall goods upon the Rt Honble Compas Permissive tearms which all are free to do and orderd that publick notice be given thereof and that she be dispatch't with all expedition.

Some troubles hapning at Metchlepatam and Maddapollam gives us reason to divert our Intentions of sending the Ship Maddapollam & Samuel Ketch for repair at Maddapollam, Tis therefore orderd that they be dispatch't for Porto Novo to be there fitted.

Secry orderd to receive ye ball: of the Cuddalore books.

Mr Francis Bett being recoverd of his late wounds, returnd yesterday from Conimere, bringing us the ballance of the Porto Novo books, wherein we find severall debts from the Companys Servants which the Secretary is orderd to demand & receive and pay into the Honble Compas Cash to the Presiden[t].

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
WM: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

19. Generall to the Cheif and Councill of Conimere dated the (1) Instant read and past.

21. Advice from Bombay. President Michell dead also Mr [*sic*]

Packett from the Generall &ca at Bombay arrived us this day, adviseing us their Negotiation in those parts, and the death of President Michell and Capt Richard Clifton, which brought us also a pacquet from the Rt Honble Compa dated the 27: of August 1688 with an In ulgence and an order of Coart prohibiting Bay Goods, which arrived on the Kempthorne the 20th of May last at Bombay, the Ship Dyana was also expected to arrive there in few days more.

19. Resolution sett saile for Bencolen.

Ship Resolution Capt Wm Sharp Commander sett saile this morning for Bencolen and Batavia.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R — MUNDAY 23.
M^R JOHN LITTLETON — M^R
M^R JOHN CHENEY — M^R WILL^M : FRASER
M^R WILL^M CAWLEY — M^R THOM^S : GRAY

The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.

The 29 Instant after the dispatch of our advices to the R^t Hon^ble Comp^a and Bombay by a Porteguez ship bound to Goa from S^t Thoma, arrived the R^t Hon^ble Comp^as and the Generall &c^a of Bombays letters, were this day perused in Councill, and the severall subjects discourst, also the Generall of the same date to their Agent and Councill of Bengall, who being here with us, as also M^r Trenchfeild, who was sent for & acquainted with their Hon^rs pleasure in dismissing him their service, which he humbly submitted to, assureing us that he had not deserved the character given of him nor ever had any inclination to faction, or any thing that tended to it, by which he has been no small sufferer there. Agent Charnock was sent for, but being indisposed excused his comeing, but the Secretary was orderd to send the letters to him for his and his Councills ℔usal and that they do give their answer thereto to the R^t Hon^ble Comp^a to send by the Dorothy.

The Rt Hon: Compas Letters &a ℔ the Bombay Cossetts ℔ used & debated. Mr Trenchfeild dismist.

It being the R^t Hon^ble Comp^as order y^t who ever Aldermen of their Covenant Serv^ts be dismist from their service, must also cease from being Aldermen, w^ch y^e Mayor &c^a were acquainted with, by w^ch M^r Trenchfeild is discharg'd.

Mr Trenchfeild dischargd of his Aldermenship.

Cap^t Thwaites delivering his Acc^ts of the Dorothy friggots demorage &c^a since his arrivall, y^e Paymast^r Custom^r & storekeep^r are orderd to examine y^e said acc^t, and report to the Councill.

Capt Thwaites Acct of his ships Demorage &ca to be examined.

The Coart of Aldermen being upon a new Election of some Aldermen for those displaced, and haveing already more English among them then the Charter or the Comp^a allows of, to the lessning y^e due number of forreigners and natives, to whom the Charter designes the greatest encouragement, the following order was sent to the Mayor &c^a by the Attorney Generall, as enterrd next after this Consultation.

Persons recommended to be Chosen Aldermen.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO : WAVELL.
JN^O : CHENEY.
WILL : FRASER.
W^M : CAWLEY.
THO : GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry.

The President & Councills order & recommendation to the Worsp^ll Mayor & Aldermen of the Citty of Madrass for the Election of a Mayor & Aldermen & dismissing M^r Rich^d Trenchfield from that charge viz^t.

Wee the President and Councill of Fort S^t George doe hereby require You the Worsp^ll Mayor & Coart of Aldermen of this Citty and town of Madrass, that in your next election of a new Mayor, and to keep as near to the Seniority and station, as possibly you can, and since Aldermen Trenchfeild dismi[st] from that charge, Wee do nominate and recommend for Aldermen, Senh^r Gregorio Armenian Pedro Tores, dutchman and Timapa, Peddavencatadree or Senh^r : Nicoloa Manucho, dated in Fort St George this 23 : of September 1689.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.

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Coppy of the President and Councills letter to the Generall and Councill of Batavia demanding the Royall Jame's Cargo of pepper as followes viz.

Letter to ye Generall of Batavia.

To His Excell^{cy} Joannes Camphuys, Gen^{ll} for the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Neatherlands East India Comp^{a} Affaires in India &c^{a} Lords of the Hon^{ble} Councill at Batavia.

May it Please Your Excell^{cy} &c^{a}.

By Severall Englishmen Your Excell^{cy} &c^{a} were pleased lately to send us on your Ship from Batavia to Pollicat, we are informed that our R^{t} Hon^{ble} Masters Ship the Royall James, laden and dispatch't by their Governour and Councill in York Fort at Bencolen the [*lacuna in original.*] of November 1689, was by the distress of an accidentall leak for it into the Port of Bantam for releif, and from thence by Your Excell^{cy} Commands brought into Your Port of Batavia, where for want of money necessarys and Creddit to repair her and maintaine themselves, they were necessitated to make sale of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Ship for eleven hundred Rix Dollers.

But that Your Excell^{cy} &c^{a} was favourably pleas'd to ꝑmitt the unladeing, and houseing the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} pepper, and to order three English of the Ships Company to stay to take care thereof, w^{ch} kind favour we most thankfully acknowledge, and doubt not our R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company will esteem it so to, but that neither the said pepper nor our People may be longer troublesome to Your Excell^{cy} &c^{a} we herewith send another of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Ships the Resolution, Cap^{t} William Sharp Command^{r} or his Successors to receive and relade the said pepper for England and to satisfie and clear all charges thereon, wherein we entreat Your Excell^{ys} continued kindness, and y^{t} you will please to order such necessarye Assistance as may expedite her dispatch for England, which kindness will undoubtedly be greatly este[e]med by our Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} approved by your and Commended by both our nations, whose strict allyance, must oblige us to all acts of freindship & hospitallity, & more particularly to misfortunes of this nature, which we cannot doubt from so wise Just & generous an Assembly To whom we wish all honour and prosperity, Subscribeing,

Your Excell^{cy} &c^{a}
most faithfull humble Serv^{ts}.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.
THOMAS GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

Coppy of a Protest, to be deliverd to the Generall & Councill of Batavia in case they refuse the delivery of Ship Royall James' Cargoe of Pepper &c^{a} to Cap^{t} W^{m}: Sharp, upon his demand thereof Viz.

Protest to be delivered to ye Generall in case he denyes ye delivery of ye Royall James Cargo.

To His Excell^{cy} Johanes Camphuys, Generall for the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Neatherlands East India Comp^{as} Affaires in India &c^{a} Lords of the Hon^{ble} Councill att Batavia.

May it Please Your Excell^{cy} &c^{a}.

Whereas Ship Royall James with a Cargo of round Pepper amounting to Baharrs two thousand Seventy three, and three hundred fourty pounds, laden by the R^{t} Worsp^{ll} Benjamin Bloom Governour &c^{a} Councill of York Fort at Bencolen on the Island of Sumatra for Acc^{t} of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} English East India Comp^{a}: dispatch't

and consigned to them in England from s^d^ Port the 19^th^ November 1688 : but soon after by springing an unfortunate leak, which they could by noe means remedy or clear at Sea, were forced to make the best of their way to the King of Bantam his Port of Bantam for releif, that being the nearest and fittest place for it, but soon after their arrivall there and before they had done anything towards the stopping of their leak, they were by Your Excell^cy^ &c^a^ Command brought thence to Your Port of Batavia, where haveing waited and petitioned long for Your Excell^ys^ &c^a^ favourable assistance to their distrest condition, without the least releif or notice of their misfortunes, they were for want of money necessaryes and Creddit, to repair her or maintaine themselves, necessitated to make an illegall sale of the said Royall James for eleven hundred Rix Dollers, which about five years past, cost near fifteen thousand pounds sterling of England or 60,000 rix dollers a bad markett for English ships and a sadd Acc^t^ for her owners, which small proceed of Ship and Stores, the unauthorized Venders unjustly distributed among^st^ themselves, and it seems spent it, idly at Batavia, returning much poorer hither without their Ship y^n^ they went with it ;

And whereas Your Excell^cy^ were pleased to Permitt the unladeing and houseing the said Cargo of Pepper upon the Island Onrust, giveing y^e^ charge & keeping to three Englishmen Viz. John Buttle Thomas Faircloath and George Carmack, belonging to said ship, who duely paid the charge of its houseing, Upon notice whereof Wee the President and Councill of Fort S^t^ George for Acc^t^ of the R^t^ Hon^ble^ English East India Comp^n^ according to our dutyes have sent Cap^t^ William Sharp or his Successor, Commander of the R^t^ Hon^ble^ : Comp^ns^ Ship Resolution to receive and lade the said pepper aboard Her for England, but Your Excell^cy^ &c^a^ haveing contrary to all reason and Justice refused the delivery thereof on pretence of demands upon our R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ from the King of Bantam, which have not least collour or Shaddow of right in them, Since Your Excell^cy^ and Hon^ble^ Councill well know how much our R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ sufferd and lost in goods debts and trade, by their being unjustly dispossest of their factory & rightfull possession in Bantam, tho they had been the raising and enriching of that King and Kingdome, besides the King of Bantams particular great debt to them which still remaines due as ℔ Acc^ts^, and had it been otherwise, can it be beleived or supposed, but that King would have satisfyed himself out of y^e^ treasure and goods he deliverd to the English at their departure from thence to Batavia, but this and that action being sufficiently known both in India and Europe, it needs no further arguments to confute its being a reason for Your Excell^cy^ &c^a^ detaining the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ Pepper unhappily fallen under your mercy, nor any other reason that wee can imagine so long as our nations continue their peace & allyance and their Articles are of any Vallidity with You, w^ch^ makes the action so illegall and unjust, that we are bound in duty to declare it so, and hereby to complain and appeale to the Lawes of England and Holland for Justice herein, And do also in the name & behalf of our R^t^ Hon^ble^ Masters the R^t^ Hon^ble^ East India Company, Protest and declare against You the Generall and Hon^ble^ Councill of Batavia, for the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Neatherlands East India Comp^a^ Jointly and Severall in the Summe of one hundred thousand pounds Ster^lg^ of England for this unwarrantable Act of Yours the Heer Johannes Camphuys, the Heer William Van Outhoren, the Heer Martin Pitt, the Heer Jon Van Hooren, the Heer Pawve, the Heer S^t^ Martin, The Heer Van Beveren, the Heer Volkonier, the Heer Eninge, for your Joint or Severall detention of the said Two thousand Seventy two baharrs & three hundred and fourty pounds of round Pepper belonging to the R^t^ Hon^ble^ English East India Comp^a^ of London, for all damages disappointments & losses they shall or may sustein thereby, as also for the demorage and dead freight for want of that ladeing of Pepper for their Ship Resolution and likewise in behalf of the owners of Ship Royall James for your ordering or permitting her illegal sale or distruction under your authority and Government, all which by a reasonable calculation amounts to about the said Summe of one hundred thousand pounds Sterling, which we hereby charge You the Generall and every of You of Councill with, as you shall

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answer it to the Crown & Lawes of England and High and mighty States of the Neatherlands united Provinces, Given under our hands and the R^t^ Hon^ble^ English East India Comp^as^ Seale at their Fort S^t^ George in the Citty of Madrass, this Sixteenth day of September Ann^o^ Dom̃ : 1689.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.
THOMAS GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry^.

Instructions to Cap^t^ W^m^ Sharp for his proceeding to and negotiating of the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Affaires at Bencolen and Batavia Viz^t^.

Instructions to Capt Wm Sharp.

To Cap^t^ WILLIAM SHARP Com^dr^ of Ship Resolution.

Your ship being orderd to Bencolen, and Batavia you are upon Your arrivall at Bencolen to deliver the Governour and Councill there, y^e^ treasure and our letters &c^a^ consigned to them, acquainting M^r^ Bloome with our orders to you about goeing for and demanding the pepper at Batavia takeing his &c^a^ further advice therein, as also the Royall James Invoice and bill of Ladeing for said Pepper and other necessary testomonyes to produce to the Generall and Councill if they should question it, to be the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ but you are to stay noe longer then Ten days at Bencolen, after which to proceed to Batavia, whereupon your arrivall you are respectfully to deliver our letter to the Generall &^a^ and accordingly to make demands for said pepper, which if deliverd, you, to pay all just charges thereon as also for the reladeing of it aboard the Ship, and what other necessary debts and expences made by the three English men, left there in care of it, for which purpose we have orderd M^r^ Bloom &c^a^ to pay you a thousand Dollers, which wee suppose may be more then sufficient to bear that charge, but if it proves otherwise we now write the Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ to satisfie you for w^t^ more you shall expend thereon, but if the Generall &c^a^ should refuse the delivery of the s^d^ Pepper upon any pretence whatever, then we hereby order You to give him &c^a^ our protest in the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ name and to require their answer thereto, after which to take aboard the three Englishmen left there to look after the pepper, & to saile w^th^ all expedition to Bencolen, if there is any probabillity to gett a ladeing of Pepper for y^r^ Ship, otherwise to returne hither, thro y^e^ streights of Mallacca, where we shall endeavour to provide the best ladeing we can for you for England, but we hope you will not be disappointed of Pepper either at Batavia or Bencolen, which if y^o^ receive there then to saile from Batavia or Bencolen directly for S^t^ Helena & follow such orders, as y^o^ shall there receive from the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ but if y^o^ find none, then to keep Comp^a^ with such Ships as y^o^ shall meet there bound for England, keeping a good watch & Caution of all forreigne Ships to prevent being surprized by enimyes, desireing you to send us an Acc^t^ of your Success & expence at Batavia, that we may advise y^e^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ thereof as we would have y^o^ also doe upon Your arrivall in England, which with our wishes for yo^r^ good Success & Voyage we remaine.

Your Affectionate friends,
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILL^M^ FRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.
THOMAS GRAY.

Fort S^t^ George,
the 16^th^ September 1689.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry^.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1689*—— [25TH]

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^R JOHN LITTLETON M^R THOM^S WAVELL
M^R JOHN CHENEY M^R WILLIAM FRASER
M^R WILLIAM CAWLEY M^R

TUESDAY. 25

Generall to the R^t Hon^ble Comp^a was read approved & orderd to be engrost and sent by the Dorothy friggot as also Cap^t James Thwaite's dispatch for his sailing, ordering him to be cautious of all ships these troublesome times, and upon his arrivall at S^t Helena to follow such orders as shall receive from the R^t Hon^ble Company thence keeping company with such of our ships bound home, to secure him from being surprized by any enimys. Generall to ye Rt Honble Compa.

The Warehousekeep^r Paymaster and Storekeeper being orderd the last Consultation day to examine Cap^t James Thwaites Acct^s deliverd in then of his Demorage &c^a due to Him to the 30^th Instant, report the ballance to amount to £1738 : 2 : 6 : which is orderd to be paid him at the rate of 9^s ℔ Pag^o amounts to Pag^s 3862 : 18 : takeing his receipt for the same. Capt. Thwaites according to order examined & report ye ball.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^O : CHENEY.
WILL^M : FRASER.
WILL^M CAWLEY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry.

Generall from Conimere dated the 25^th Instant accompanying the Cuddalore Generall Books E. enforming us that they have thus long waited, for the Pullicherry Merchants proposall for an Invest^mt but to little effect, there ariseing a dissention amongst themselves, and till that be accomadated they cannot meet about other Affaires, they also advise us of the dispose of their old remaines of Europe Goods at good rates notwithstanding they had been much dammaged by salt water and Wormes. 27TH Generall from Conimere.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORD^Y

FRYDAY. 27

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^R JOHN LITTLETON M^R
M^R JOHN CHENEY M^R WILL^M FRASER
M^R WILL^M CAWLEY M^R

The Councill being duely Summond.

Last night the President receiving a letter from Pollicat, adviseing that the Mogull has orderd the beseiging this place and to destroy all the English in his Dominions and to seize their concernes, with many other Severityes against us, assureing us they receiv'd late letters from Golcanda of the certainty thereof, as also the continued differences at Bombay, which had exasperated the Mogull to this cruell order, but that we may not be surprized the Paymaster Storekeeper (in their severall imploys) are order'd to fitt and repair the defects of the town and walls of the Garrison, and make provision of Powder Shott &c^a sufficient against a seige. Mogulls orders to Beseige ys place.

Upon Perusall of the Porto Novo Cloth we find itt very ordinary and ill wash't, whereupon the sorters being here were sent for, and examined about it, Conimere Cloth very ordinary & ill wash't.

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who alledg'd that they had turned out above half of what the Merchants brought in, and by the scarcity and dearness of goods, they were not able to bring in more, to compleat their Contract, and the reason the Cloth was not so good as ours, is that, tis of lower numbers and prizes and few washers, but we haveing noe other goods to lade the Dorothy with, nor time or musters to resort them by, The Warehousekeeper is orderd to lade them aboard s[d] ship, referring them to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[hs] determination, which the sorters consent to and engage to satisfie their Hon[rs] therein.

The reasons.

Mr Cheney read his Accts.

The Paymaster, M[r] John Cheney read his book of Acc[ts] for the month of August, which was past in Councill.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.

Xber 27 : 1689.

I except y[e] sending y[e] Porto Novo Clo: for Eng[d] by y[e] Dorithy before it bee resorted. } THO: WAVELL.

JN[O]: CHENEY.
WILL : FRASER.
W[M]: CAWLEY.
THO : GRAY.

Porto Novo Cloth unfitt to be sent home.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec[ry].

26. Pass given to Ship Happy Returne whereof M[r] Jn° Gray is Owner.

Harja Rajas death.

This evening was informed with the sad news of Harja Raja, King of the Morattaes, death, w[ch] was confirmed by the Cheif and Councill of Conimer in a letter from them, but gives us noe Acc[t] who is like to succeed in the Government.

30. Conimere Mercht arrived.

Ship Conimere Merchant, Cap[t] Antony Pennyston arrived this evening from Atchein.

OCTOBER 2. Metchlepatam factory seizd upon by the Mogulls people &c[a].

This day came advice from our Dubash & bramenee at Metchlepatam that the Duans people had taken the keys of their eighteen Godownes, w[th] severall other things as brass gunns, powder &c[a] out of our ffactory, imprisoning them and the rest of the English's Servants and useing many other hostile actions there.

Madrass friggott arriv'd from Corlingapatam. Advices from thence.

The Madrass friggott, Cap[t] William Brookes Commander arrived this day from Corlingapatam on the Coast of Gingelee, with a Loading of Paddy, adviseing that the 26[th] last month Passed by some Peons from Bengall with a large Packett and a lackerd Bamboe, which sayes to containe a Phyrmaund from the Mogull, also confirming the late newes we received from the dutch at Polliacat that the Mogulls orders were arrived at Metchlepatam, directing them to all the Governours to seize the English, wheresoever they mett them.

The Pearle friggot, Cap[t] : Ja : Perryman Comm[dr] : arrived here y[s] day w[th] the Cheifs & Councills Gen[ll] &c[a] from Vizagap : on her arriv'd also the Bengall Pattamar w[th] the [. . .] of Beng[lls] Phyrwanna &c[a].

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 7TH.

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M[R] JOHN LITTLETON M[R] THOM[S] WAVELL
M[R] JOHN CHENEY M[R] WILLIAM FRASER
M[R] WILL[M] CAWLEY M[R] THOM[S]: GRAY.

The Presidents Acct Cash read.

The Presidents Acc[t] of the R[t] Hon[ble] Companyes Cash for the month of September was read and past & the ballance examined am[tg] to Pag[s] 83805 : 14 : 2 :

Mr Wavells Accts read.

M[r] Thomas Wavell Warehousekeep[r] his Warehouse acc[ts] for the month of Aug[st] were read and past, who was orderd to keep a leidger to his Journall as formerly y[t] we may the readier know y[e] remaines of all goods.

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The Pearle friggot arriveing yesterday from Vizagapatam with bale goods &ª the Warehousekeepr is orderd to unlade her wth all expedition to prevent the danger of the Monsoon & to traverse the 12: bundles of sticklack aboard the Dorothy if she can receive them by her also came the Bengall Peons, who as was reported brought us severall letters & a Phyrmaund from the new Nabob of Bengall Ebrahim Cawn to ye President dated the 2d July: very kindly Inviteing us to return and resettlemt: with assurance of a just & fair usage to the Rt Honble Compas Servts and trade & upon or former Priviledges, & to assist us in the recovery of our debts oweing to us in those parts, much blameing the late Nabobs injustice and Cruelty to our people, which notwithstanding it is most acceptable news to us, as we doubt not twill also be to the Rt Honble Company and Generall &cª: but our resettlement being a matter of great weight and Importance, and haveing no authority for it, or any licence from the Rt Honble Compª about it, besides the monsoons will not yet ℔mitt our sending to the Bay, Tis therefore agreed & orderd that the Agent &cª of the Bengall Councill be summond to a Councill with us on Wednesday next, that the buisness may be then fully debated and resolved, and in the meantime, that the President made severall proposalls to the Councill for their better considerations in that matter.

Pearle friggot arrived. orderd to unlade her.

She brought ye lettr and Phyrmaand from ye Nabob of Bengall.

Agent & Councill of Bengall be summond to Councill.

Generall to the Rt Honble Company to the 2d of Oct: was read and approved.

Genll to Rt Honble Compa.

Mr John Littleton and Mr Richard Elliot Overseers to Mr Robert freeman, paying unto the Rt Honble Compª the ballance of Capt Antº: Phenn deceased's Accts which amounting to Pags 2570: which they desired may be paid to his Widdow in England at 9s: ℔ Pagª and that the Rt Honble Compª be advised accordingly thereof.

Mr Littleton & R. Elliot overseers to Mr freeman pd ye ball: of Capt Phens Act.

ELIHU YALE. WILL: FRASER.
JOHN LITTLETON. WM: CAWLEY.
THO: WAVELL. THO: GRAY.
JNº: CHENEY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

This day arrived the Bencolen frigggot from the West Coast, with letters and advices thence, the Mate Mr Plum informing that in her Voyage she had sprung a leak which occasiond their goeing to Vizagapatam, being the leeward most port for repair, where Upon their arrivall had heard of the missarable massacre committed upon the Rt Honble Compª Servants by the Mogulls forces, amongst whom that the Cheif Mr Jnº Stables Mr Willm Hall & a writer were kill'd, The rest carry'd Prisoners to the seerlascar, and all the Rt Honble Compª and private person's Concernes seiz'd upon, amongst whom the Commander & purser of said shipp were also taken prisoners.

7. Bencolen arrived brought sad newes from Vizagapatam Mr Stables Mr Hall & a writr kill'd by the Mogull.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDY

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
JOB CHARNOCK AGENT MR JOHN LITTLETON
MR MR FRANCIS ELLIS THURSDAY
MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILLIAM FRASER 10.
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY
MR JEREMIAH PEACHY MR JOHN BEARD.
The Councill of Bengall being summond.

Agent Charnock &cª being this day Joyned with us in Councill, the Nabobs letters and Phyrwanna from Bengall to the President were perused and long debated on and being concluded to be a happy good oppertunity to returne and settle in Bengall, that Government being under that famously just and good Nabob Ebrahim Cawne, who has so kindly invited us to it, and faithfully engaged our peace and safety, of whose honour the Agent has had long experience at Pattana and of his just and peaceable administration of that Government, and that

The Nabobs lettr & Phyrwanna ℔used & debated.

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there was not the least doubt of his complyance therewith, but the warr continuing still at Bombay and in those parts, as also the late unhappy accident of the Mogulls seizing the Metchlepatam Maddapollam and Vizagapatam factorys and the severall English and concernes there, gives us great reason to beleive, there was too much truth in what Dutch reported, the Monsoon also not yet offering for the bay, and the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ haveing also more particularly left that Affair & Settlement to the Generall &c^a^ : Tis agreed that he be advised as soon as possibly thereof and Coppies of the Phyrwanna and severall letters sent him with our opinions thereof, Desireing his &^as^ advice and orders therein, and that a small Vessell be fitted for that purpose the overland passage being very uncertaine and dangerous (But these late troubles at Vizagapatam happning contrary to expectation and threatning this place also so that we cannot send those supplyes of men &^a^, we intended for Bombay, which we suppose also they have no great occasion for, The Generall not acquainting us therewith) that wee may have an answer thereof before the season offers for Bengall and that in the meantime a civill kind letter be wrote to the Nabobs generous Phyrwanna as also Coppy thereof and a letter of advice to M^r^ Eyres &c^a^ there, for their discreet deportment and to acquaint the Nabob that wee intend to returne as soon as the season of the year will permitt.

To advise the Generall of Surrat.

There being a Bond standing out against the deceased Cap^t^ Edward Inglish, which was taken by the Agent and Councill of Bengall on Acc^t^ of Armes & ammunition sold by him to the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Company which after the Warr was declared against the King of Syam, the Agent &^a^ suspected that those Armes did belong to that King and therefore to be a legall prize, so took Cap^t^ English's Bond for 2,000 Rup^s^ being the amount, of said Armes, sold Long before the Proclamation of the Warr, Referring y^e^ matter to the Coart of Admiralty here, which said buisness being accordingly examined by them, but not ended before the death of S^r^ John Biggs the widdow of said Cap^t^ Edward Inglish desireing the Councill to Consider and end the s^d^ buisness we have upon serious debates and enquirey of the Agent &^a^ into said Affair, found that by Cap^t^ Inglish's Acc^ts^ sworn to in Coart the 7^th^ of October 88 : that the said armes did not belong to the King of Syam but to himself, It is therefore thought reason and Justice that the said Bond be cancell'd and that Cap^t^ Inglish's widdow be discharged from all future demands on said Acc^t^.

Capt Inglish's bond be cancelled.

M^r^ Thomas Gray Land Customer his books of accompts of the Land Customes for the month of September were read & past & Pag^s^ 170 paid into the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^us^ Cash on that Acc^t^.

Mr Grays Accts read.

Xber 27: 1689: JEREMIAH PEACHY.
I Except y^e^ delivery of Cap^t^ English's bond up it haveing been plainely proved in y^e^ Court of Admeralty y^t^ y^e^ propriety of y^e^ Ammunition sould y^e^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ in Bengall, was in y^e^ King of Syam & not in Cap^t^ English.

ELIHU YALE.
JOB CHARNOCK.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO : WAVELL.
JN^o^ : CHENEY.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
WILL : FRASER.
THO : GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY.

15. Letter from Jango and Mungaraz Dubash and Bramenee at Maddapollam, to the Hon^ble^ President dated the 28^th^ Ultm^o^ : adviseing there came, that : Ins^t^ : orders from the Governour of Metchlepatam to him of Narsopore to seize upon our factory & seal up our Godownes, which the Maddapollam Government would not for some time permitt them thereto, till they had rec^d^ orders from Ellore to putt the same in execution which he accordingly did and imprisond us a whole night, till we had brou^t^ security for our appearance, and then freed us, they also confirming the sad dissa[s]ter at Vizagapatam giveing us a relation thereof as followes Viz^t^

15. letter and advice from Maddapollam.

relation of ye sad disaster at Vizagapatam.

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that on y^e^ 13 last past the Seerlascar, by the Mogulls orders had sent his Rashwar to our factory in order to seiz and bring all the English and|their concernes to Chiccacule the said Rashwar w^th^ his forces comeing nigh the town in the night, where he had pitched his Tent & about 9 : did surround the factory with his men & acquainted the English with the Seerlascars orders to which was reply'd they could not goe up without their Masters orders, and then as the s^d^ Rashwar was takeing the Cheif by hand to pluck him out of the house M^r^ Hall frees his blunderbush and kills three of their men, upon which they murder'd M^r^ Stables M^r^ Hall and M^r^ Croke takeing the rest Prisoners, and seizing upon all the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Companyes Concernes, but gives us no further news of M^r^ Dubois and M^r^ fleetwood, who were gone up the Country for provision of Paddy, for the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Companyes Acc^t^.

ATT A CONSULTATION MUNDAY 19.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^R^ JOHN LITTLETON M^R^ THOM^S^ WAVELL
M^R^ JOHN CHENEY M^R^ WILL^M^ FRASER
M^R^ WILL^M^ CAWLEY M^R^ THOMAS GRAY.

M^r^ Hammon Gibbons Cheif of Indiapore, haveing drawn a Bill upon us for 2300 $ payable to M^r^ Rob^t^ ffeilding ℔the Bencolen Merch^t^ : who this day produceing the said bills to us, demand its contents, but upon consideration that the Company have great summes of money at the West Coast as likewise many Dollers in that ffactory, which he write us were not currant there, so was necessitated to take these of M^r^ Feilding, but he haveing no oppertunity to dispose the said money or lade it there to advantage the ship being near full w^th^ Pepper &c^a^ upon the Hon^ble^ Company's Acc^t^, therefore we think requisite to deduct the 300 Dollers, advanced on Bottomoree, as charged in the Bill, & only pay him the 2000 Dollers, which the Warehousekeeper is orderd to pay him in Ingott Silver, and take up M^r^. Gibbons Bill of exchange. To discharge Mr. Gibbons bill on ye Rt Hon Compa.

The last part of the Generall to the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Company was read approved and Signed, The President askeing the Councill, if they had any objection or anything to add thereto.

The Saphyr friggot being formerly designed for Atchein and the West Coast, but being found out of repair and unfitt for it, Tis thought convenient to alter her Voyage for Bombay with our Packetts &c^a^ where she may be well fitted, and bring us advices from thence, with what stores, Goa Arrack or other Ladeing the Generall &^a^ think convenient to send us. Saphir to proceed to Bombay.

ELIHU YALE. WILL : FRASER.
JOHN LITTLETON. W^M^ : CAWLEY.
THO : WAVELL. THO : GRAY.
WILLIAM PROBY JN^O^ : CHENEY.

The Dorothy friggot Cap^t^ James Thwaites Com^dr^ sett saile for England.

Rec^d^ a Generall from the Cheif and Councill dated 15^th^ Ins^t^ with a Coppy of the Pullicherry Merchants proposalls for an Investment, which they referr us to the Contents being as followeth Viz^t^. 19. Dorothy saild for England. 21. Genll from Conimere.

Imp̃ : That they can by noe means admitt the Provision of all course Goods, but are willing to undertake to pr[o]vide to the amount of 25000 Pagodas 15000 in Course Goods and 10000 in Fine receiveing $\frac{7}{8}$ in ready money and $\frac{1}{8}$ in Europe Goods as they shall approve of, and to be in the following Goods Viz.

Long cloth Ord^y^	...	... 24 :	Pungiums Succatums, 40 : & 25 Cov^ts^.
Sallamp^rs^	...	... 24 :	Morees fine.
Long cloth	...	... 18 :	Sallampores fine.
Sallamp^rs^	...	... 18 :	Neckcloths.
Betteelaes of 50 & 40 Cov^ts^.			Comeeses.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERN[R]
M[R] JOHN LITTLETON M[R] THOM[S] WAVELL
M[R] JOHN CHENEY M[R] WILL[M] FRASER
M[R] WILL CAWLEY M[R] THOMAS GRAY.

MUNDAY 21. Leave to ship off ½ of ye Wheat.

There being great quantityes of Wheat in Towne, whose Proprietors desire leave to shipp off, or else that the R[t] Hon[ble] Company will buy it of them, but they haveing sufficient for the table, and as much as will be spent whilest good, Tis therefore order'd [that]all persons have liberty to shipp off the half of what they have, and that the rest be sold in town or remaine by them, least wee should be beseiged and come to want it of which there are hott discourses.

To employ ye Pearle on a voyage to Madagascar.

The Pearle friggot being returned to us from Vizagapatam well fitted, and haveing been some time here at great expence and charge to us, Tis thought fitt and agreed to employ her on a Voyage to Maddagascar for a supply of Cofferyes for the West Coast, which M[r] Bloom &c[a] in their severall letters have very much importun'd us for, as well to defend their fortifications as other services, they being more tractable, laborious and healthfull in those parts, then any other Cast of people, without whom they declare they cannott carry on their buisness nor defend the place, for the effecting of which, it is orderd that there be a sufficient and suitable cargo laden aboard, Viz. Toyes small ordenary Armes, Gunpowder and a small parcell of Dollers and a number of shakells for the well secureing the slaves; recemmending the care and dispose thereof to M[r] James Wattson Cap[t] James Perryaman and M[r] Herbert Sawyer, but in case it should so happen that they cannot procure a trade there then to make tryall of the severall Ports on that Island, where if they be also disappointed, then to proceed to the Islands of Comro &[a] or to the Coast of Mussimbeaque, at all which places they may without doubt procure sufficient for her Ladeing, which when they have effected then to saile with her Cargo directly for Bencolen to be deliver'd to the Governour &c[a] for the Hon[ble] Comp[as] Service, and that Instructions and letters be drawn up for this Affair and that the friggot be dispatch't as soon as possibly from the West Coast hither with a Ladeing of pepper and a particular Acc[t] of this Voyage with what other Advices may import the Hon[ble] Comp[as]Affaires.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.

Decemb[r] 27: 89.

I have now signed Consultacons for y[e] M[o] of May, June, July, August & part of 7[ber] & Octob[r] to some of which I have made my exceptions, y[e] oy[rs] tho I have signed y[m] yet I cannot charge my memory w[th] y[e] true Contents of y[m] haveing been soe long Transacted. } THO : WAVELL.

T.W.

JN[O] : CHENEY.
WILL : FRASER.
W[M] ; CAWLEY.
THO : GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec[ry].

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Generall to the Cheif and Councill of Conimere of this date, adviseing them that the Pullicherry Merchant's tearmes, for an Investment are too preceise considering the strickt limitts wee are under about the provision of fine goods, but rather then break with them we may adventure upon a small Complyance, as also ordering them to treat with the Cuddalore Merchants about an Investment in Course goods, and that they sort noe more Browne Longcloth No. 1, it being too thin and Course for y^e^ Europe Vend. 23. Genl and advice to Conimere.

Generalls from Agent Harris &c^a^ at Surratt dated the 27 July and 2^d^ August last, adviseing of their unhappy imprisonment still, and that the treaty interchangebly signed and agreed to by the Generall and the Mogulls Nabob, was perfidiously broaken and was very near ketching the Generall, who had upon timely advice put himself in a posture of Defence. The Nabob by some ill advice had resolv'd to have the sole management and Creditt in the takeing of Bombay Castle, and would hearken to no tearmes of peace, but in his prosecution was interposed by the Generall, Padrees &c^a^ Portegueze at Daman, and brought the Nabob to a treaty with the Generall, w^t^ the event of it may be they knew not. Also adviseing of the Kempthorne & Dyana ['s] arrivall at Bombay with good recruites of men and ammunition, and confirming the death of President Michell and severall other Gentlemen. Their last advises us that Mocktier Cawne Nabob of Surratt is gone up to Coart, and has left them in the same Condition, notwithstanding they petitioned to have their Irons off, but was denyd excuseing he had not power to do it, but will endeavour to befreind y^m^ at Coart, & that there also came a possitive order from the Nullia Assett Cawne to recall the Siddye from the Island of Bombay, without further delayes, and tis also thought that his Master was by the King Commanded up too, upon which were well assured that He hath had a true Acc^t^ : of our Affaires and is inclined to make Peace with us, which the Allmighty grant. 24 Genl from Surrat.

No Consultation, The President being much Indisposed.

A Cowle granted to Shearshapaw Wordapah and six sorts of Mint Goldsmiths by the Hon^ble^ Elihu Yale Esq^r^ President & Governour of Fort S^t^ George &^a^ Councill dated this 3^d^ of November 1689. MUNDAY 27.

Although your actions have hitherto been very bad yet Timmapah, Dugapa, Allingall Pilla Narran, Ranga Chettee &^a^ pleading much in Your behalves that You have been old servants and trusty People Wee therefore forgive your former bad actions & grant you this o^r^ Cowle which you may trust to come hither carry on the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Companyes buisness and receive for your Labour according to Sallabad You may trust to this our Cowle and rest with Contented hearts.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.
THOMAS GRAY.

The foregoing Cowle was accordingly dispeeded to the Mint Goldsmiths, for the recalling them in, who had for some time obsconded themselves into the severall parts of the Countrey. 4.

This day arrived the Ship Chandos, Cap^t^ John Bonnell Commander from England, the Generall Pacquett, was brought ashoar, and the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Letters perused by the Councill, and according to order, King William and Queen Mary were Proclaimed at the Fort and the severall gates of the Citty, King and 5.

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Queen of England, with all due solemnityes of the Garrison Soldiers, Citty Train bands and Fort Canons, with a Handsome Supper at the Fort Hall, and all other joyfull respects.

7. Generall to the Agent and Councill at Surratt read and approved, adviseing occurrances to this present time.

10. Being advised from Pullicherry that there hapned a Violent Storme which brought the Sea into their Town and wash't many of their houses downe, killing 40 or 50 of their Europeans & many of the Natives.

Letter to Ebrahim Cawne Nabob of Bengall being in answer to his late letter and Phyrwanna, rec^{d} by the Pearle friggot, as also another to M^{r} Eyres and M^{r} Braddill ordering them to deliver the Presidents letter to the Nabob with all respects and care, discourseing him on the same subjects he has wrote Coppy of which went inclosed, which may engage his ffreindship to the procuery of the Kings Phyrmaund for our secure returne to our settlements and trade, which were read and approved.

12. Pearl friggot Cap^{t} Perryman Command^{r} sett saile for Madagascar. .

MUNDAY 12. No Consultation the President still continueing very ill of a Feavor.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 14.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR	
M^{R} JOHN LITTLETON	M^{R} THOMAS WAVELL
M^{R} JOHN CHENEY	M^{R} WILL^{M} FRASER
M^{R} WILL^{M} CAWLEY	M^{R} THOM^{S} GRAY.

The President haveing been sometime ill of a feavour has been the occasion of our not meeting till now, hee being a little recoverd, read his acc^{t} Cash for the month of October the Ballance examined am^{t} . . . P: 82987: 07 :—

The Ship Chandos arriveing the 5th Instant the Generall Letters &c^{a} Papers were perused and according to order the Proclamation sent us, King William & Queen Mary were Proclaimed King and Queen of England, with all due solemnityes and formalityes of the Government and Corporation wth Bonfyres and the Fort Canons with all other necessary demonstrations of respects and Honour to so great news.

M^{r} Thomas Wavell Warehousekeeper was orderd to unlade the Chandos with all possible expedition, y^{t} she might be in a readiness to be employed on some short Voyage to compensate her Demorage, twas also Consider'd which way to send the Hon^{ble} Companyes packett &c^{a} to Bombay, the Land conveyance being at present very unsafe by reason of the Warrs and many troubles the Countrey is infested with, Twas therefore agreed the securest way to send them by sea, and rather to waite some time for such an oppertunity then to hazard them overland, and if noe vessell suddainly offers for those parts, then to send them to Bombay on one of our small Sloops as soon as fitted.

The Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Merchants being very slow and backward in bringing us their goods upon the last Contract, & haveing been often prest and reprehended for their delayes, who as often excuse themselves upon the troubles and warrs in the countrey, which have been and are very prejudiciall to their trade, haveing sufferd much thereby, declareing they could proceed no further neither upon the old Contract nor a new one, except we would engage for the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} to Indemnifye them from all Losses and robberyes they should susteine thereby, which wee told them was not in our power to agree to, being also very unreason-

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able in itself, since if we should make such a contract, all the Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ stock might come to nothing, by magnifying their Losses,but tho we could not comply therewith, yet we would for their encouragement and towards their charge and hazzard, advance 5 ℔ Cent on the present prices, but they would by noe means agree to that neither, since the french and Dutch advancet 10 ℔ Cent upon the former prices of their goods, most of which were fine cloth, but ours Course, by which they at best got little, they also would not receed from their proposall of the Comp^as^ running the hazzard of their trade alledging it to be most reasonable since their troubles and losses were cheifly occasioned by the Comp^as^ warr, so being not able to bring them to better tearmes yet, Wee dismiss them to better Considerations.

Tho our former Proposalls for alterations in the Mint and coynes, be of great consequence and advantage to the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ and more particularly to our Southern trade and factoryes, where the difference is from 2 to 5 ℔ Cent, which in reallity is but five fanams in the hundred Pagodas betwixt our and the Pollicatt Pagodas both in weight & fineness, but we haveing mett with some obstructions by the Perversness of the Minters, who are extreamly averst thereto, in so much that they fled from their buisness and the towne into the Countrey, where they have absented themselves some time, therefore for severall reasons 'Twas thought best to recall them for the present and not yet make any further progress or alteration therein, Till we have a greater quantity of Gold to beginn upon, and the times better settled, least this also may add to our troubles too.

M^r^ Robert Chiswell lately arriveing here from Bencolen upon the Bencolen friggot, and haveing upon Permission of the Cheif &c^a^ there brought some Pepper, but being not well acquainted with the Methods and rules of our Custome house, though he had desired to be enformed therein from some of tha[t] Councill, but in the mean time haveing Landed his pepper in the Custome house before enter'd, twas offer['d]by the Customer whether twas a lawfull Seizure or not, but the former Customer, declareing that it was accustomary here in such cases to permitt a Post entry, Twas therefore thought just and agreed that the said Pepper be freed and deliverd to the Proprietors, after Paying the stated dutyes of half penny a pound Permissiô: and 5 ℔ Cent Custome with the usuall fees to the Custom^r^ and freight.

The Corrall Merchants comeing to town about the Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Corrall, who haveing seen & examined all in the warehouse they came to treat about y^e^ prices which was given them with little advance upon the former Rates Viz^t^ 230 Pag^s^ ℔ maund for the branch Corrall in box: 110: for the Second sort and 90 for the other, which after some dayes consideration thereupon they bring in the prizes being the uttmost they can give, Viz^t^ first sort, Pag^s^ 150 ℔ maund, 2^d^ sort Pag^s^ 145: for the branch Corrall in box, for the second sort, 55: & P: 52: and for the third 40 & 25 Pag^s^ ℔ m^d^: which being lower then ever we yet sold for, and less then their Invoice Cost, wee can by noe means dispose thereof at those rates, but leave it to further considerations or keep it for better marketts.

The President proposed to the Councill the settling of a Factory near Tutecarry, which we were lately encouraged to by an Invitation and hopes of procureing great quantityes of Pepper also to send two persons to reside at Trincambar to buy what goods they could, proper for Europe also graine &^a^ for stores for the Garrison, when there should be occasion, and some other Factory to the southward for the procuery of course goods, and employing the Hon^ble^ Companyes Stock, which we have little hopes to doe here or at Conimere or to the Northw^d^.

M^r^ John Gray lately of this place dying att Maddapollam intestate, who being indebted to the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Company and severall of this place, and that there may be a due care of the collection of His Estate and paying all Persons in proportion as far as 'twill reach, Wee therefore appoint and order: M^r^ William Fraser and M^r^ Thomas Mackreeth his Freinds and Countreymen, they being willing to undertake the trouble of an Administration, provided that they are accomptable for noe more then they receive which Wee do hereby approve of, ordering the Mayors

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Coart to impower them therein, as well also doe hereby to receive make sale, dispose account, pay sue, and discharge all Persons and Concernes whatever that shall be found due to or from said John Gray requireing all persons to pay due Submission thereto, and Mr John Littleton is orderd to draw up his Accts with the Rt Honble Company and deliver it to them.

Wee haveing certaine advice that Rama Rajah King of the Morattaes is come privately from His Kingdome of Punnarree, to the Chingye Countrey leaveing his Uncle in charge of the Kingdome and family to manage the Warr against the Mogull, his designe of comeing hither being reported to divert the Mogulls Army from thence and joine with the severall Gentue Naigues & raise a considerable army to retake the Golcanda & Vizapore Kingdomes, wch there is great probabillity of, both places being at present very weakly gaurded & we haveing had severall factorys under the Chingee Governmt where he now is, 'twas proposed & debated whether twas not absolute necessary to congratulate his arrivall & some suitable present be sent to soe great a Prince and freind, he haveing lately been very kind and assisting to the Generall at Bombay in their troubles, and very just and favourable to our factoryes and trade under his Government in these parts, but considering that our appearance from hence may exasperate the Mogulls forces agst us, twas therefore thought more safe and prudent, yt such civillityes be paid & managed by our Cheif at Conimere who are directly under his Government, & therefore can be less resented, but yt they do first observe wt the french & dutch do therein, something following their methods both in respects and presents, & that we take the oppertunity to improve our priveledges in those parts.

The Paymaster and Storekeeper are againe order'd to bring in Materialls and fortifye the Garrison, our troubles appearing, nearer to us then formerly, five thousand of the Mogulls horses being reported to be upon the march this way.

The Coart of Aldermen (since the Vacation of the Coart of Admiralty) being prest with more buisness then usuall, whereby the buisness of the Chowltrey has been long neglected to the dissatisfaction of the Inhabitants, for whose content, and greater ease to the Coart of Aldermen, Mr John Cheney, Mr Cawley and Mr Gray are appointed Justices of the Chowltry to sett there duely twice a week to hear and decide all small differences and prepare and recommend buisiness of greater moment to the Coart of Aldermen, wch being a place of much trouble Mr John Cheney is therefore excused and discharged from being of the Coart of Aldermen, he paying the stated fine of the Charter, it being his earnest desire and request.

Capt Barwick Gunner of the Outworks lately deceasing, whereby that place is Vacant and haveing no fitting person here at present that will undertake it; but Mr Thoms Makreeth haveing some skill in Fortifycation and Gunnery, and there being little other buisness at present for him, he is orderd provisionall Surveyor and to direct and inspect wt Bullwarks and fortifications are orderd to be erected & repaired and Mr Wright assistant to the Paymaster to look strictly after the workmen, coolyes & materialls, yt the Comps be not wrong'd therein, and 'tis orderd yt Mr Makreeth be allow'd the charge he is at in Pallinqueen hyre for vissitting the works.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
WM: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLAM PROBY Secry.

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Letter to [*Lacuna in the original*] Seerlascar of the Gingerlee Countrey, requireing the reasons of the Barbarous murther committed on the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Servants at Vizagapatam by his people, carrying the rest prisoners and seizing on their concernes, without giveing the least occasion of offence. Demanding full satisfaction for all the injuries done them; and the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ concernes, to be freely deliver'd up, and those under confinement, restored to their Liberties, which if they refuse to do, then to endeavour to take it, telling him that he neither wants force or powder to do it. 15.

Ship Ruby, Cap^t^ Henry Laurence Commander belonging to M^r^ Robert Freeman deceased, arrived this day from Syam, Via Atchein and Bengall, where notwithstanding the Nabobs fair promises and encouragements for our returne, and settlement there they were ill treated and denyed trade and provisions. We are also enformed that the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Company's servants and other English lately freed from their imprisonment there, were again under restraint occasioned by a late order from the Mogull, and y^t^ M^r^ William Hodges dyed aboard Said Ship in Ballasore road. She brings advice of the Pryamans being lost on the braces w^th^ her Cargoe, driven thither in her passage from Bencolen hither. 17.

Genll from the Cheif and Councill of Conimere dated the 16^th^ Instant, acknowledgeing the receipt of the 2000 Pag^r^ sent them by the Pearle friggott. They advise us they have been upon a treaty with the Cuddalore Merchants for an Investment, who gives for answer that if we will allow a proportionable quantity of fine goods with the Course, and receive them at Cuddalore, they may possibly adventure upon one otherwise they will say noe more to it, and finds that the Pullicherry Merchant[s] are by their indifferences and delayes, upon the like treaty, so referr the matter to the President and Councill, only giveing their opinion that if there be no alteration in the list of goods required, and allow more fine goods thereon, they are of beleif that there are no Merch^ts^ will engage with us for an Investment. Of News they advise us that Cashua Pontulo is the great favorite at Coart and Harja Raja's son under confinem^t^ but know not the reasons thereof, The french some dayes past sent up their people to congratulate Rama Raja, the Dutch are likewise prepareing to do the same from Negapatam. 20.

Letter from the Dubash and Bramenee at Metchlepatam, adviseing that the Duans people has forced great summs of money from them, and severall of the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Companyes Servants there for their charges and appearance, and they would have likewise served our Merchants so, but that they have obsconded themselves under other Governments. 29.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present MUNDAY 4.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^R^ JOHN LITTLETON M^R^ THOM^s^: WAVELL
M^R^ JOHN CHENEY M^R^ WILL^M^ FRASER
M^R^ WILL^M^ CAWLEY M^R^ THOMAS GRAY.

Haveing now received certaine advice from the Cheif and Councill at Conimere, that Rama Rajah King of the Morattaes is come overland from his Kingdome and Army at Punnarree to his Government and Castle at Chingee, and that the French and Dutch have already sent Persons with Considerable presents to congratulate him into the Countrey, each reported to be to the amount of near 1400 Pag^s^ and it being also expected that we should likewise pay our respects to him in the same nature as well for the favourable assistants done the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ at Bombay, as also for his protection of our Garrison and trade in his Countrey, and tho he may expect to be visitted hence by one of our Councill, yet least that should give suspition to the Mogulls Government and Army in these parts and exasperate them against us, w^ch^ they seem now more inclined to, from

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the late news and troubles at Bombay, Wee therefore conclude it more safe and expedient that the Cheif of Conimere with a suitable ritinnue do goe and Vissitt King Rama Rajah at Chingye with a present from thence wherein not much to exceed the amount of Pag^{s} 600, since the french circumstances and ours in those parts are different, where they haveing their Cheif residence and settlement in that Government, and lately built a considerable Fort at Pullicherry, The Particulars of our present to be one of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} Persia horses with handsome furniture, three or four peices of Broadcloth Fine and ordinary, Fyre Armes, wth: some other raritys, that may be most pleaseing & acceptable to Him.

Twas represented to the Councill the great charge of our Garrison at Conimere, haveing a whole Comp^{a} of Soldiers in Pay there, and besides Gunners and other officers, which is a very considerable charge, considering the little benefitt we have from thence by trade whereupon twas debated whether we should recall those soldiers thence, but in consideration of the threatned troubles to this place, and the supplyes we may have in our necessity from thence, Tis resolved to continue y^{m} as they are, till the Government, and we have a better understanding and things better settled.

Wee haveing lately made a Company of Granadeers all of English and Europe Soldiers, whose clothing and duty being more hard and chargeable to them then other soldiers, Tis therefore agreed that dureing y^{e} present troubles and Scarcity, they be advanced 8 fanams a month each for their maintenance & encouragement, Wee being also enformed that Granadeers in Europe have 4^{s} ℔ Meñs: advanced more then other soldiers in Consideration of their more dangerous service, but that this allowance be not a standing rule but to be recalled when we see fitting, and that they be so acquainted therewith.

The Paymaster and Storekeeper were againe reminded of fortifying repaireing and storeing the Garrison, and that the Paymaster doe make an agreement with the Bricklayers for a quantity of Bricks at 2500 ℔ Pag^{o} and to advance them 300 Pag^{s} thereon.

The Storekeeper is order'd to gett a Sloop ready to be dispatch't with our Packetts, and what stores we can spare for Bombay though we have heard noe news from them a great while.

There being severall rich Europe Gold & Silver flowerd Silks, Velvetts and Sattins of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company in the Warehouse brought with the Agent &^{a} from Bengall, most of which damaged there & lying here decaying, The Warehousekeeper is orderd to expose them to sale at a publick outcry to prevent their further dammage.

The Ruby a Countrey Vessell belonging to M^{r} Rob^{t} freeman deceased, being lately arrived from Syam Via Atchein and Bengall, where notwithstanding y^{e} Nabobs late promises and encouragements for our returne and resettlement, it seems they were ill treated and denyed both trade and provisions, and the master enformes us that the English lately freed from Chaines & imprisonm^{t} were againe under restraint, said to be occasioned by a late order from the Mogull, he being exasperated thereto from the Warrs at Bombay, The Master also advises us that the Pryaman with her Cargo of Pepper was lost on the Braces, unhappily driven thither in her passage from Bencolen hither, also that M^{r} Hodges deceas't aboard the Ruby in Ballasore road. M^{r} Jn^{o} Littleton and M^{r} Styleman being his former Attorneys and he dying intestate, at least no Will yet appearing, Tis orderd that they do continue their care of His concernes, and examine his Books and papers for what may relate to or concerne the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company, giveing us an Acc^{t} thereof, Wee haveing been a long time advised that M^{r} Hodges had brought overtures of peace from the King of Syam and to accomodate all differences with the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company; M^{r} John Littleton Accomptant is also orderd to make up the Pearl friggots Acc^{t} of her Mergee Voyage, and to call M^{r} John Hill to an acc^{t} for the Dollers &c^{a} deliverd M^{r} Hodges him and Cap^{t} Perryman when they went on that expedition.

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The severall Summes paid Mr John Cheney by the President in the time of his sickness amounting to Pags[*lacuna in the original.*] for the defraying the Garrison charges is approved of by the Councill and Tis now orderd that Pags 2000 be paid him more on said Acct.

Mr Richard Browne was sent for & acquainted with the Rt Honble Compas pleasure concerning his dismission which he humbly submitted to, as also Mr Dean Sowton the late Dyer in Bengall, and that their Sallaryes and other allowances from the Rt Honble Compa were to cease from this time.

There being severall English Soldiers, Pyrates Seamen &ca in the Mogulls service and the Neighbouring Camps 'Tis agreed and orderd that a Generall Invitation & Pardon be sent to recall them hither, least they prove mischivious against us, as also for the strengthning of our Garrison.

There being severall Criminalls in Prison, Tis orderd that a Generall Sessions be held by the Mayor and Coart of Aldermen on Wednesday the 11th Instant for their examination and tryall.

There being some of our officers and others lately engaged in quarelling and duelling, which being in itself criminall & of very ill consequence & bad example to our Garrison Soldiers, 'Tis orderd that the President, Councill with the officers & Commandrs do meet at the fort hall tomorrow morning to examine and Judge them.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.

I except ye 8 fa: advance on ye Granadeers Compa. — THO: WAVELL.

JNO: CHENEY.

I do except against the 8 fans additionall allowance ℔ Meñs: to each Granodie, grain being now much cheaper, as I do likewise the continuing the additionall allowance to the rest of the Soldrs allowed them in the time of the ffamine Paddy selling now at 50 Merkall ℔ one Pago. W.F. — WILL: FRASER.

WM: CAWLEY.

I am of opinion rayr to take of ye former aditionall pay then now to encrease, in time of peace. — THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Letter from the Cheife and Councill at Conimere adviseing that Rama Raja upon his arrivall at Chingee Castell sent a summons to all in any considerable employmts in the Government to make their appearance before him, he has likewise called His sister Harje Raja's wife to an acct : and taken three lacks of Pags from her and from Santogee Raja Pags 100000, restoreing Sounda Bollogee to his former employments, who tis thought will visitt those parts, and undoubtedly will expect a present from them. They also advise us that the French goeing to congratulate Rama Raja, mett him in his way to Chingee & have desired a confirmation of their old Cowle which is promised shall be done, but what further they have to desire they knew not. 6.

Letter from Sharoo Cawne Beague, Governour of Metchlepatam, &as Parts, to the Honble President, being in answer to his Honrs of the [*lacuna in the original.*] that the occasion of seizing the Honble Compas Servants, ffactory and Goods at Metchlepatam was by an express order or Phyrmaund from the Mogull, Not to him only but to all under charge of any place, whereever in his Dominions, and to stop our proceedings and take obligations from all Merchants not to have any correspondence or trade with us, Intimateing that these proceedings were not out of his own head, or any Inclination he had thereto, in so much he had advised the Subidar that he could find no fault wth the English's proceedings and why must he act in that manner, in answer to which was, that unless they had prosecuted the Mogulls Phyrmaund, they should all be ruined, upon which he was forc't to putt it to an execution. 7.

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Letter from Gongooraz Vizagapatam Braminee, adviseing that the Seerlascar highly disapproves the action of Chetteram in killing Mr Stables, and the rest of the Compas Servants, telling him He must answer for what he has done to Coart, His orders were only to putt Chopps upon their concernes and turne the English out of the factory, as also that the Seerlascar has wrote up to Coart, about our Concernes and people, which till they have an answer to they cannot release them from their imprisonment complaining also of their hard usage there.

ATT A CONSULTATION

TUESDAY. 10.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMS WAVELL
MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMS GRAY.

The Presidents accᵗ of the Rᵗ Honble Compas Cash for the month of November was read and past, and the Ball: examined amounting . . . Pags 80063: 13:—

Mr Thomas Wavell Warehousekeepers, his book of accts for the months of October and November were read & past in Councill, and paid into the Rᵗ Honble Compas Cash Pags 19000, for Silver and goods sold out of the Honble Compas Warehouse.

Mr William Cawley Storekeeper, his books of accts for the month of October were read and past, as also Mr Thomas Gray, Land Customers Accts for the month of November, and paid in Pags 340 for Customes recd last month.

A Congratula[to]ry Letter from the President to Rama Raja King of the Morattaes upon his arrivall to Chengee was read and approved and orderd to be sent to Mr John Nicks to be deliverd by him, if hee finds it requisite upon his arrivall with the present but rather, if possible, to excuse it, since twill engage us less on a Correspondence which can noe wayes be advantagious to the Rᵗ Honble: Compa: and may exasperate the Moors against us, suspecting our Supplying them with Armes or other necessaryes.

Orderd that Pags 2000 be paid Mr John Cheney Paymaster to defray the Garrison Charges.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
WM: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

This day came news from Conimere, that the Morattaes had beseiged the French at Pullicherry, demanding a great Summe of money from them, notwthstanding they had lately received a Considerable Present from them, and that the Conimere Gover[n]mt and the Duans peons have likewise been very pressing with our merchants there, for 1000 or 500 Pags: a man loan from them.

11. Generall from the Cheif and Councill at Conimere dated the 6: Instant, complaining that the Governr in those Parts begins to be very troublesome by the often removall of their people of any trust throughout the Countrey, whose aime is only at money, and those are in best esteeme that can raise most let it be never so unjustly, referring us to a letter, they recd from Timogee Cashow Pontulo, Subidar of the Chingee Countrey, wherein he demands three thousand Pags: for a Tax upon our Factory, which he is orderd likewise to doe from ye rest.

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Letter from the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Dubash & Bramenee at Metchlepatam, 12. adviseing that they have endeavourd to procure a Persia freight, but the Merchants seeme unwilling to engage with us on any Acc^t^ by reason we have no settlements in those parts.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present THURSDAY 12.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^R^ JOHN LITTLETON M^R^ THOM^S^ WAVELL
M^R^ JOHN CHENEY M^R^ WILL^M^ FRASER
M^R^ WILL^M^ CAWLEY M^R^ THOMAS GRAY.

Cap^t^ John Spencer lately deceasing intestate, M^r^ Jn^o^ Cheney Paymaster as accustomary to his place was orderd to take care and dispose of his concernes, which haveing finish't, now delivers the Acc^t^ and Ballance into the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Cash amounting to Pag^s^ 641 : 13 : as also the Ballance of M^r^ Benjamin Chadwicks, w^ch^ amounts to Pag^s^ 36 : 00 :

The Letter from the Governour of Chingie to y^e^ Cheif of Conimere being translated and perused. Wee find he demands 3000 Pag^s^ to be advancet or lent him by y^t^ Factory, which he likewise requires from the french & Dutch in those parts, but we hope the Present intended for him from Conimere will be sufficient & satisfie their expectations and demands, but the horse lately made choice of for him, proveing lame and out of order as the rest are, It is orderd that another more fitt and acceptable be bought for that purpose, and y^t^ the rest of the present be provided and sent as soon as possible, not exceeding the amount of Pag^s^ : 600 as we formerly agreed upon, and the money wee have orderd for the use factory be sent them by sea, the land Conveyance being too hazardous and dangerous.

There being little or noe course goods procureable in the Countrey for the discharge of our Merchants Contract by reason of the continued Warrs and troubles; Twas proposed whether we had not best adventure the buying of the turn'd out cloth at a proportionable price, which the Merchants were sent for and treated w^th^ about it but noe agreement thereon, they not complying with a proportionable abatement.

The Paymasters Conacaplys haveing defrauded in the Payment of their Cooley, for which they were punish't and discharged their employ, and for prevention of such wrongs for the future, Tis orderd y^t^ the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Serv^ts^ be employ'd only in that buisiness instead of the Conacaply here being little other buisness for them.

Orderd that the out towne and bridge River be trencht and fortified with turfe and clay work as well & soon as possible, it being reported y^t^ a considerable force from the Mogull is comeing against us.

The Warehousekeep^r^ is againe orderd to hasten y^e^ unladeing of the Chandois w^th^ all expedition & y^t^ the Customer do assist him w^th^ boats sufficient for y^t^ purpose, y^t^ she may be in a readiness for our occasions, as also y^t^ all possible means be used for the procuery of a sufficient Ladeing for y^e^ Princess of Denmark, whom we intend for England in Jan^ry^ or feb^y^ next if possible & y^t^ therefore he hasten the goods from y^e^ Merch^ts^.

The Dewellers haveing been a considerable time imprison'd and sufferd otherwise for that crime and they appearing now very pennitent and troubled for their offences, acknowledgeing the greatness of their faults, with promises of future amendment, and never to be guilty of the like crimes or any thing y^t^ tended towards it, in consideration whereof and their humble Petition & that this being their first faults, committed in the Garrison, Tis agreed and orderd they be discharged of their confinement and restored to the same Commissions and

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employments they formerly enjoyed in the Garrison, after that they had paid the fine orderd by the Coart Martiall the 10 instant.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.

Jan^{ry} 10th 1689.

I except y^{e} Trenching & fortifying y^{e} out towne wth bulworks It being in my oppinion rather a battery against y^{e} ffort y^{n} any Defence to it. — THO: WAVELL

JN^{O} CHENEY.

I approve the walling in of the black Town with a substantiall Brick wall as well for strength as for securing the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Customes but not with Mudd or Turf which will soone moulder away & that the Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} be not at six pence Charge thereon. — WILL: FRASER.

I except y^{e} fortifying & entrenching y^{e} Black Towne, being of opinion y^{t} mudd walls & Bulworkes will neither answere y^{e} Charge or End proposed. — W^{M}: CAWLEY.

I consent to fortify upon y^{e} Gov^{rs} promise to reimburse y^{e} Comp^{a} if they disaprove thereof. — THO: GRAY.

W. PROBY.

14. Ship Conimere Merchant Cap^{t} Ant^{o} Pennystone Commander, haveing lost her Passage to Atchein returned here this day.

15. Generall from M^{r} Charles Fleetwood at Chiccacul dated the 10th of November last, relateing the sad Cattastrophy hapned upon the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company's factory and Servants, in those parts, and that Hee beleives the murther committed upon the Cheif and Second was for the better conveniency of robbing y^{e} factory, and no other end, there not appearing nigh the money, w^{ch} should be, and that they would have him give under his hand, y^{t} what goods & treasure now Carryed thither were the totall of what were in the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} factory, which he refused to do, whereupon they detaine him, notwithstanding, as they say, be contrary to orders.

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WEDNESDAY. 18.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^{R} JOHN LITTLETON M^{R} THOM^{s}: WAVELL
M^{R} JOHN CHENEY M^{R} WILL^{M}: FRASER
M^{R} WILL^{M}: CAWLEY M^{R} THOMAS GRAY.

The Bookkeeper delivering in the Washermen account for washing the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Companye's goods, which wee find to be near a ballance, & they being in great want of more money, It is orderd that Pag^{s} 100 be paid them on y^{t} Acc^{t}:

M^{r} John Cheney Paymaster his books of accompts for the months of September & October were read and past Viz^{t}.

September.

Charges garrison	Pag^{s}	1457 : 34 :	$\frac{3}{8}$
Charges Generall		376 : 28 :	$\frac{3}{8}$
Charges Merchandize		127 : 31 :	$\frac{5}{16}$
Charges Dyett		278 : 13 :	$\frac{5}{8}$
Charges Cattle		27 : 09 :	$\frac{3}{4}$
Charges Extraordinary		21 : 14 :	$\frac{1}{2}$
West Coast		21 : 22 :	-
Fortifications and Repaires... ...		303 : 30 :	$\frac{3}{16}$
Conimere Factory		16 : 34 :	-
	Pag^{s}	2632 : 02 :	$\frac{1}{8}$

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October.

Charges garrison	Pag^{s}	1409 : 06 :	$\frac{1}{4}$
Charges generall		398 : 03 :	$\frac{3}{4}$
Charges Merchandize		93 : 10 :	$\frac{5}{16}$
Charges Dyett		261 : 29 :	$\frac{3}{8}$
Charges Extraordinary		15 : 25 :	-
Factors Provisions		138 : 00 :	-
Charges Cattle		14 : 2 :	-
Porto Novo factory		6 : 0 :	-
West Coast		8 : 27 :	-
Fortifications and repaires		278 : 24 :	$\frac{5}{8}$
	Pag^{s}	2623 : 20 :	$\frac{5}{16}$

M^{r} Will^{m} Cawley Storekeeper his book of Acc^{ts} for the month of October was read and past.

M^{r} Thom^{s} Gray Mintmast^{r} p^{d} on acc^{t} Gold and Silver coyned in the Mint Pag^{s} 3601: into the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Cash.

The Warehousekeep^{r} and Assistants were orderd to survey the Merch^{ts} Short Cloth, and give their opinions thereof to the Councill the next Consultation day.

The Agent &^{a} of Bengall are orderd to pay to the Attorneys of Phytch Needham or his Administrat^{r} w^{t} is due to him from the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company, and what else of his in their Possession, after haveing cleared Accompts wth the Hon^{ble} Company, he being long before his death discharged the Comp^{a} service, This also to be orderd by the Mayor and Coart of Aldermen.

There being a black fellow, & Slave named Francisco alias Chico Condemned in the Mayors Coart for Theft who appealing to the President &^{a} and there appearing no evidence against him at tryall, more then his own Confession under punishment before his tryall, at which time he pleaded not guilty, notwithstanding which, The Jury brought him in guilty only upon his former confession, which being a hard case, and this offence too common amongst our Slaves, and usually punish't with a Corporall punishment and Banishment, Its therefore agreed and orderd that the said Chico be pardoned the sentence of death, and that he be whipt round the Towne and stigmatized on the Sholdier with the Hon^{ble} Company's mark with a hott Iron and banish't to the West Coast the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Companys Slave, where he may do them service and be more exemplary then by his death.

Orderd that a Persia horse be bought for a Present to Ramma Raja for 400 Pag^{s}: the same price being offerd for him.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.

I know not what was Acted in Court but approve of y^{e} ffellowes pardon. } JN^{O}: CHENEY.

The Prisoner had a fair & Legall Tryal confessed the matter of fact was found possessed of severall p^{s} of stollen silk, sold severall of them & rec^{d} mony for the same, & was found guilty by the Jury. } WILL: FRASER.

I not being in Court when the Fellows Tryall was brought on but approve of y^{e} Pardon. } W^{M}: CAWLEY.

THO: GRAY.

Letter from the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Dubash and Brameney, at Madapollam to the President, giveing an acc^{t} of all Transactions and proceedings in those Parts, wth an acc^{t} of their expences, desireing another supply of money may be sent them to defray their charges of repaireing the Factory and pay the servants wages. 19.

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M^R^ WILL^M^ CAWLEY M^R^ THO: GRAY.

MUNDAY 23.

The Governour haveing discoverd and confined the Persons for counterfeiting our Silver fanams the examination of which is orderd to be taken by the Chowltry Justices, and they to give enformation thereof to the Mayor and Coart of Aldermen to be there strictly prosecuted and tryed.

M^r^ John Cheney Paymaster his acc^ts^ for the month of November were read and past Viz.

Charges Garrison	P:	1591: 27:	7/8
Charges Generall		445: 10:	1/8
Charges Merchandize		123: 21:	5/16
Charges Dyett		249: 21:	3/8
Charges Cattle		19: 07:	7/8
Charges fortification & Repaires		566: 06:	1/16
Charges Extraordinary		15: 28:	–
West Coast		8: 27:	–
	Pag^s^	3065: 06:	1/4

Haveing lately rec^d^ letters from our Dubashes and Bramenee at Metchlepatam and Madapollam, wherein they complaine much of their want of money for the keeping the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Company's factoryes in repair, which, they advise, goe greatly to decay, as also paying the servants wages, the late supply sent them being expended, It is therefore orderd, to preserve y^m^ from utter ruine, that Pag^s^ 40 be sent to Madapoll: and 20 to Metchlepatam Factoryes.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^O^: CHENEY.
WILL^M^ FRASER.
W^M^: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry^.

25. Letters from Goa advises of a Peace certainly concluded upon at Bombay, by the mediation of the Merchants at Surrat and the Porteguez Generall of the North at Daman, and that the English, upon the drawing up of the articles were to pay to the Mogull three lacks of Rupees. Nōtwithstanding w^ch^ the Syddye still continues his forces on the Island, untill he shall receive further orders from the Mogull for his removall.

28. Generall from Conimere dated the 24^th^ Instant, adviseing of the arrivall of the Presents for Rama Raja, w^ch^ they think convenient to have some advices from Coart how affaires stand with them and are like to goe, before the Cheif sett forward on his Journey w^th^ the presents to the King; by reason of the disappointm^t^ the french at Pullicherry mett w^th^ notwithstanding their Presents were kindly accepted of, the King forces them to lend him a Summe of money, w^ch^ he still insists upon.

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M^R WILL^M CAWLEY M^R THOM^S: GRAY.

MUNDAY 30.

M^r Thomas Wavell Warehousekeep^r, his Acc^ts of the Warehouse for the month of November were read & past and paid into the R^t Hon^ble Comp^as Cash Pag^s 3500 for Silver and Goods sold by him &c^a.

M^r Samuel Owen makeing his request to y^e Councill to be Permitted to goe a Voyage to Atchein on his Particular Acc^t, which in consideration that there is little of the Companys buisness at present for him, it is thought fitt to grant him his request, conditionally that his sallary and other allowances from the Hon^ble Comp^a doe cease from this time till his returne.

Orderd that the Citty Train bands and Garrison Soldiers be called to armes on Wednesday next, being new years day to a Generall Traineing, as well to be instructed in Millatary excercise as to acquaint them with the Points and Bullworks, to be readyer upon occasion, who haveing exercised in partyes round the Garrison, according to the Governours Instructions, then to goe over to the Island & form a Batallion, where the Tents are to be pitched, and the Councill & all the Comp^as Servants to appear in their best equipage to make the greater shew and report in the Countrey which generall is magnified ad Terrorem.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^O: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W^M: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

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